



HYDE DE VILLAINE

2019 LE DÉBUT CHARDONNAY HYDE VINEYARD CARNEROS, NAPA VALLEY

PROPRIETORS:	Mr. and Mrs. Aubert de Villaine Mr. and Mrs. Laurence W. Hyde Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Hyde III
APPELLATION:	Los Carneros, Napa Valley
VINEYARD:	Hyde Vineyard, at the eastern edge of Los Carneros District
AGE OF VINES:	10 years
CLONES:	Calera
EXPOSURE:	South by southeast
SOIL:	Haire clay loam over claypan
SUBTERRANEAN:	Ancient terraces and alluvial fans
ACREAGE:	1.7 acres
HARVEST DATE:	September 11 and 13
AGING:	18 months; 80% used French oak (barrels and foudre) and 20% concrete egg
BOTTLED:	March 12, 2021; unfiltered & unfined
ALCOHOL:	13.8%

Le Début is a young vine, single block Calera project started in 2010 designed to express the unique character of the vine and site. With no new oak or additions used in winemaking, the wine is truly an unadulterated expression of site.

VINTAGE NOTES

Napa experienced a dry start to our winter, followed by heavy rains into early spring. The late rains resulted in high vigor, a lower than average set and challenging viticultural conditions. Spring and summer followed with exceptional weather; heavy fog in the mornings followed by warm, sunny days. The optimal conditions created a lengthy growing season and allowed us to pinpoint the perfect dates to pick each individual block. 2019 was an exciting vintage because of the balance, concentration and purity of flavors focused by fresh acidity.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Bosc pear and lemon aromas abound and are counter-balanced by subtle Brioche tones and a savory saline character. High tones of honeysuckle and candied ginger bring freshness to the fore and pair seamlessly with the mid-palate density and flavors of tropical pineapple and peach. Crisp, integrated acidity leaves a mouth-watering sensation that embodies summertime.

— *Guillaume Boudet, Winemaker*

