



HYDE DE VILLAINE

2018 CALIFORNIO SYRAH HYDE VINEYARD NAPA VALLEY

PROPRIETORS:	Mr. and Mrs. Aubert de Villaine Mr. and Mrs. Laurence W. Hyde Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Hyde III
APPELLATION:	Carneros, Napa Valley
VINEYARD:	Hyde Vineyard, at the eastern edge of Los Carneros
AGE OF VINES:	18 to 24 years
EXPOSURE:	South by southeast
SOIL:	Haire Clay Loam
SUBTERRANEAN:	Ancient terraces and alluvial fans
ACREAGE:	2.1 acres
HARVEST DATES:	October 3 & 5
VARIETAL:	100% Syrah
BARREL AGING:	16 months in French oak; 20% new
BOTTLED:	February 14, 2020; unfinned and unfiltered
ALCOHOL:	13.9%

VINTAGE NOTES

February saw abundant rains, followed by lots of filtered light in spring and early summer. Both bud break and flowering occurred a bit late, but under ideal weather conditions, creating plentiful and even fruit set. Summer brought generous sun during the day and cooler marine influences, virtually uninterrupted by major heat spikes. The relatively mild summer followed by extended fall sunshine and moderate heat created near ideal conditions for the fruit to accumulate flavor complexity with gradual increases in sugar levels.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Rich plum and blueberry aromas are framed by hues of black pepper, iron and rosemary. Fine grained tannins carry flavors of smoked meat, fennel seed, and Mission fig across the palate. This wine displays masculine, animalistic tones that are juxtaposed by flavors of Japanese plum candy and sweet lavender. — *Guillaume Boudet, Winemaker*

CALIFORNIO

The name Californio pays tribute to the early California settlers of Spanish heritage, or Californios, who tamed the wilds of the frontier. As descendants of the early Californios, we strive to present a Syrah that highlights one of California's premier growing sites, Hyde Vineyard, while embodying the elegance of the Old World.

