



# 2022 YGNACIA, PINOT NOIR Hyde Vineyard, Carneros, Napa Valley

#### WINERY

Hyde de Villaine was co-founded by the Hyde family of Napa Valley and the de Villaine family of Burgundy. Aubert de Villaine, Co-Director of Domaine de la Romanée-Conti, married Larry Hyde's cousin, Pamela, bringing the two families together. Hyde de Villaine wines represent the shared histories and winemaking philosophies of these families and one iconic single vineyard.

#### WINE

Planted exclusively for Hyde de Villaine at an optimal location on Hyde Vineyard, our Ygnacia Pinot Noir is a blend of 6 heritage clones collected by Larry Hyde over the last 40 years of farming. This wine represents a lifetime of work by Mr. Hyde in his pursuit of the finest Pinot Noir selections in the New World.

#### **VINEYARDS**

The vineyard is certified Napa Green Land and Fish Friendly Farming and Larry Hyde uses a variety of biodynamic and organic practices in the vineyard; the wines are unfined and unfiltered.

#### **VINTAGE NOTES**

Historically low rainfall in 2020 and 2021 set the stage for another dry and warm winter. Almost all of the rain arrived in December of 2021 and March 2022. The March showers helped the vines as they awoke from dormancy and started their annual journey. Spring and mid-summer were mild,

with the occasion heat wave. In September, temperatures soared into the triple digits for five consecutive days. Harvest was one of the quickest on record, with the red grapes following quickly behind our Chardonnay. The wines of 2022 have a wonderful balance and freshness that is not always achievable in Napa Valley.

#### WINEMAKING

Made with minimal whole clusters and new oak, the wine showcases the energy and concentration of the Carneros terroir, with remarkable notes of violet, lavender, hibiscus, and red fruits in the nose, and a long mineral frame on the palate. A blend of 6 heritage clones collected by Larry Hyde over the last 40 years of farming this unique and elegant expression of Pinot Noir is an exquisite example of balance and precision.

### TASTING NOTES

Enticing aromas of pomegranate and Bing cherry burst from the glass while being framed by lavender and graphite. There is a subtle earthiness that plays perfectly with a quality of hibiscus tea. In the palate, one is reminded of fruit leather flavors that are carried by the integrated acidity and a firmly delicate tannin structure. A hint of creaminess rounds out the extended finish of this highly ageable Pinot Noir.

— Guillame Boudet, Winemaker

# VINEYARDS

Region: California
Appellation: Napa Valley

Sub-Appellation: Hyde Vineyard, Los Carneros

Soil: Haire Loam Clay

Age/Exposure: 12 years

Southern exposure

Clones: Blend of 6 heritage clones

**Eco-Practices**: Uncertified Organic/Sustainable

Certifications: Napa Green Land and

Fish Friendly Farming

# WINEMAKING

Varietals: 100% Pinot Noir

Barrel Aging: 15 months in barrel

# TECHNICAL DETAILS

Yeast: Indigenous yeast

 Alcohol:
 13.9%

 Total Acidity:
 5.22 g/L

 pH:
 3.65

