

2011 HdV 'Californio' Syrah



Region:	Napa Valley
Appellation:	Los Carneros
Vineyard:	Hyde Vineyard
Age of vines:	11 to 17 years
Geography:	Eastern edge of the Los Carneros
Exposure:	South by southeast
Soil:	Shallow loam over clay hardpan
Subterranean:	Ancient terraces and alluvial fans
Acreage:	1.5 acres
Production:	208 cases (9L)
Harvest dates:	October 17 nd , 2011
Bottling date:	December 4 th , 2012
Oak:	20% new French oak
Months in Barrel:	14 months
Filtering:	Unfined & Unfiltered
Retail:	\$70

CALIFORNIO

The name *Californio* pays tribute to the early California settlers, or *Californios*, who brought *Old World* sophistication and elegance to the western shores of the *New World*. As descendents of the early *Californios*, the Hyde and de Villaine families strive to produce a Syrah that highlights one of California's premier growing sites, Hyde Vineyard, while embodying the elegance of the families' *Old World* heritage.

VINTAGE NOTES

Hyde Vineyard experienced a long, cool growing season in 2011. The unseasonal rain in April and May delayed flowering and set, resulting in a slow start to the growing season. What followed was a cool summer, providing slow and steady fruit maturation. Early October rains made 2011 one of the most challenging vintages of the last couple decades. However, through tireless sorting and weeks spent in the vineyard, we are proud to say 2011 was a successful vintage, giving us wines of finesse and elegant power.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Subtle and focused, this wine shows an array of exotic spices, layers of violet, wet earth, cigar box and round black fruit. The full mouth feel is enhanced by the balancing presence of acid and soft tannins. This vintage of Syrah is cellar worthy but can be enjoyed now with the proper food pairing.

- *Stéphane Vivier, Winemaker, HdV Wines*