

2012 HdV 'Californio' Syrah



Region:	Napa Valley
Appellation:	Los Carneros
Vineyard:	Hyde Vineyard
Age of vines:	12 to 18 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:	310 cases (9L)
Harvest dates:	October 6 and 18, 2012
Bottling date:	July 31, 2014
Oak:	15% new French oak
Months in Barrel:	20 months
Filtering:	Unfined & Unfiltered
Retail:	\$75

CALIFORNIO

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

VINTAGE NOTES

Hyde Vineyard experienced moderate to high temperatures during the 2012 growing season. The warm weather was complimented by cool nights and no significant weather events. The growing season was longer than the previous two with harvest completed on October 18th. This vintage will be remembered for its definition and balance.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Rich garnet in color, this wine expresses exuberant aromatics blackberry, red cherry and violet on the nose. The palate is attractive with loads of ripe black and blue berries, delicate floral blossoms, dried tobacco and tea leaf, and a refined elegant tannin structure. At its core, the Syrah has firm acidity, a pleasant mineral component, and a touch of earth.

- *Stéphane Vivier, Winemaker*