# Hyde de Villaine

## 2013 Californio Syrah
### Hyde Vineyard
### Napa Valley

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| **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:** | 13 to 19 years |
| **Exposure:** | South by southeast |
| **Soil:** | Shallow loam over clay hardpan |
| **Subterranean:** | Ancient terraces and alluvial fans |
| **Acreage:** | 1.5 acres |
| **Harvest dates:** | September 21 and October 8 |
| **Barrel aging:** | 20 months in oak barrels, 15% new French oak |
| **Bottled:** | July 29, 2015 |
| **Production:** | 320 cases (9L) |
| **Filtering:** | Unfined and Unfiltered |

### 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

2013 was a Napa Valley vintage for the ages. The drought brought us a warm, dry spring that prompted another early bud break. Steady temperatures and optimal weather continued through spring and summer with no significant heat spikes, which enabled even growth and ripening throughout the year. The crop was small and of exceptional quality, with tremendous concentration, color and texture. Though significantly higher than usual, tannins were not harsh or aggressive, and their fine, polished texture has integrated beautifully with time.

### Winemaker Notes

An appealing nose of intense cardamom, black fruit, sweet spice and pepper shades into secondary notes of cigar box, meat and graphite. Fresh blackberry, sweet spices and minerality open up in the glass, coupled with a juicy meatiness. The palate is dense and spicy with great concentration, energy and balance. The polished grip of fine-grained tannins carries the wine to a lengthy finish, warmed by classic black pepper notes.

—*Stéphane Vivier, Winemaker*