



HYDE DE VILLAIN

2017 YGNACIA PINOT NOIR HYDE VINEYARD NAPA VALLEY

PROPRIETORS:	Mr. and Mrs. Aubert de Villaine Mr. and Mrs. Laurence W. Hyde Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Hyde III
APELLATION:	Los Carneros, Napa Valley
VINEYARD:	Hyde Vineyard, at the eastern edge of Los Carneros District
AGE OF VINES:	7 years
EXPOSURE:	Southern
SOIL:	Haire clay loam over clay hardpan
ACREAGE:	1.9 acres
HARVEST DATE:	August 28
VARIETAL:	100% Pinot Noir
BARREL AGING:	19 months in French oak; 15% new
BOTTLED:	March 14, 2018; unfiltered and unfiltered
ALCOHOL:	13.4%
PRODUCTION:	374 cases (12/750ml)

Planted exclusively for Hyde de Villaine on a optimal location on Hyde Vineyard, our Ygnacia Pinot Noir is a blend of 7 heritage clones collected by Larry Hyde over the last 40 years. This wine represents a lifetime of work by Mr. Hyde in his pursuit of the finest Pinot Noir selections in the New World.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2017 vintage will always be remembered. The winter months were wet and cold, allowing the vines to rest after their productive 2016 campaign. Bud break occurred in March, with a mix of warm and cool days, frigid nights and several rain episodes during the early stages of the growth flowering. These conditions resulted in a low, uneven set.

A warm and dry pattern followed through the end of August, until two major heat waves hit in early September, dramatically affecting ripening conditions. As a result of the intense heat, the vines shut down and the brix and acidity levels in the grapes flatlined for the next three weeks. In late September, the vines came back to life and gave us one last push, resulting in wines with harmonious balance and freshness. Harvest started the third week of August with our Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. Harvest was concluded by the first week of October, right before traumatic wildfires scorched through Napa and Sonoma counties, giving a catastrophic end to an already challenging vintage.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Rose petal and wild raspberry aromas entice as deeper hues of green tea, *herbes de Provence* and Bing cherry burst from the glass. Tart strawberry and blood orange flirt across the palate as subtle flavors of sandalwood and sea shell develop. Supple tannins and integrated acidity not only allow for approachability, but also promise future age-ability.

— *Guillaume Boudet, Winemaker*

