



# HYDE DE VILLAIN

## 2017 CHARDONNAY HYDE VINEYARD CARNEROS, NAPA VALLEY

PROPRIETORS:	Mr. and Mrs. Aubert de Villaine Mr. and Mrs. Laurence W. Hyde Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Hyde III
APPELLATION:	Los Carneros, Napa Valley
VINEYARD:	Hyde Vineyard, at the eastern edge of Los Carneros District
AGE OF VINES:	26 to 38 years
CLONES:	“Old Wente” and Calera selections
EXPOSURE:	South by southeast
SOIL:	Haire Loam Clay
SUBTERRANEAN:	Ancient terraces and alluvial fans
ACREAGE:	8.64 acres
HARVEST DATES:	August 26 – September 6
MALOLACTIC:	Yes
BARREL AGING:	11 months in French oak; 80% barrels (20% new) and 20% foudre
BOTTLED:	November 13, 2018; unfiltered and unfiltered
ALCOHOL:	13.8%
PRODUCTION:	1,561 cases (12/750ml)

### 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 flowering. These conditions resulted in a low, uneven set.

A warm 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 and 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

Seductive aromas of spiced Bosc pear, lemon zest and honeycomb are accented by chamomile blossoms and a hint of fresh pie crust. A perfectly balanced combination of yuzu and white peach lead into the delicate essence of vanilla and clove. Precise acidity and flinty minerality are juxtaposed by the unctuous texture, adding unparalleled length to the finish. The wine is elegantly refined yet shows stern focus; a promise of aging over the next decade. — *Guillaume Boudet, Winemaker*

