



2022 CHARDONNAY Hyde Vineyard, Carneros, Napa Valley

WINERY

Hyde de Villaine was co-founded by the Hyde family of Napa Valley and the de Villaine family of Burgundy. Aubert de Villaine, Co-Director of Domaine de la Romanée-Conti, married Larry Hyde's cousin, Pamela, bringing the two families together. Hyde de Villaine wines represent the shared histories and winemaking philosophies of these families and one iconic single vineyard.

WINE

Chardonnay is the flagship wine and is comprised of genetically distinct Hyde selections of Old Wente and Calera, which come from the oldest blocks in the vineyard. The blend is generally 60 percent Old Wente and 40 percent Calera Chardonnay selections. Old Wente is identified by its distinctive aromatic profile and its tendency for millerandage, which provides high acidity. The Calera selection, now known as the Hyde clone, delivers minerality and a unique stone fruit character.

VINEYARDS

The vineyard is certified Napa Green Land and Fish Friendly Farming and Larry Hyde uses a variety of biodynamic and organic practices in the vineyard; the wines are unfined and unfiltered.

VINTAGE NOTES

Historically low rainfall in 2020 and 2021 set the stage for another dry and warm winter. Almost all of the rain arrived in December of 2021 and March 2022. The March showers helped the vines as they awoke from dormancy and started their annual journey. Spring and mid-summer were mild, with the occasion heat wave. In September, temperatures soared into the triple digits for five consecutive days. Harvest was one of the quickest on record, with the red grapes following quickly behind our Chardonnay. The wines of 2022 have a wonderful balance and freshness that is not always achievable in Napa Valley.

WINEMAKING

Aged in 20% New French oak for 18 months. Unfiltered and unfined.

TASTING NOTES

Delicate aromas of Bartlett pear and fresh-sliced pineapple are lifted by notes of jasmine and citrus zest, maturing into subtle warming tones of baking spices, brioche, and vanilla custard. On the palate, the flavors are intensely focused, yet the pleasant round body fills the mouth with a wide, elegant mid-palate. The salinity and minerality of this wine bring a refinement that is gently carried by bright, integrated acidity.

- Guillame Boudet, Winemaker

VINEYARDS

Region: California
Appellation: Napa Valley
Sub-Appellation: Los Carneros
Soil: Haire Loam Clay

Age/Exposure: 31 to 43 years

South by southeast exposure

Clones: "Old Wente" and Calera selections

Eco-Practices: Sustainable, Solar, Vegan
Certifications: Napa Green Land and

Fish Friendly Farming

WINEMAKING

Varietals: 100% Chardonnay

Barrel Aging: 20% New French oak

TECHNICAL DETAILS

 $\begin{array}{ll} \mbox{Alcohol:} & 13.9\% \\ \mbox{Total Acidity:} & 5.8 \mbox{ g/L} \\ \mbox{pH:} & 3.4 \mbox{ g/L} \end{array}$