



2022 BELLE COUSINE 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

The name Belle Cousine is a reference to Pamela Fairbanks de Villaine, Larry Hyde's lovely cousin who is the wife of Aubert de Villaine of Burgundy. It is Pamela who brings these visionary viticultural families from Burgundy and the Carneros region of Napa Valley together to make wines that express the character of place, with that rare minerality so dear to the Burgundian palate. Belle Cousine is a blend of Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon that varies each vintage; Merlot from Niebaum selections and Cabernet from Bordeaux-origin selections.

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 unfiltered 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 occasional 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 unfiltered.

TASTING NOTES

Rich ruby color. Nose of macerated blackberry & cherry lifted by anise and black pepper. Full tannins provide structure balanced by integrated acidity. Maturation in 5+ years after release.

— *Guillaume Boudet, Winemaker*



VINEYARDS

Region:	California
Appellation:	Napa Valley
Sub-Appellation:	Los Carneros
Soil:	Haire Loam Clay
Vineyard Size:	2.3 acres
Age/Exposure:	22 to 38 years South by southwest exposure
Eco-Practices:	Sustainable, Solar, Vegan
Certifications:	Napa Green Land and Fish Friendly Farming

WINEMAKING

Varietals:	15% Merlot, 85% Cabernet Sauvignon
Barrel Aging:	20% New French oak
Bottling Date:	March 14, 2024

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Alcohol:	14.2%
Total Acidity:	5.6 g/L
pH:	3.6 g/L