

2016

HYDE VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

Carneros



PATZ & HALL



VINEYARD CHARACTER

Purchased by Larry Hyde in 1979, and planted two years later, this renowned property is cultivated as 44 distinct blocks, and includes a veritable who's who of the finest Pinot Noir clones. Our Hyde Vineyard Pinot, comes from three small blocks within the larger Hyde Vineyard. These blocks spotlight new and older plantings of the famous Hyde-Calera selection, and include coveted grapes from the "old field," which was planted in 1999.

VINTAGE NOTES

2016 was another fantastic growing season. It started out with good winter rainfall, which after four years of drought, was a big relief. While the summer of 2016 was quite hot, a perfectly timed cool-down over a three-week period in August allowed the grapes to ripen with moderate sugar levels. It also preserved the acidity that is so essential to making great Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. Thus, the quality is exceptional with vivid, alluring flavors in the Chardonnays and deep colors and gorgeous aromatics in the Pinot Noir.

TASTING NOTES

This iconic site consistently delivers some of the most elegant and refined Pinots in our portfolio. In 2016, the Hyde Vineyard produced very small yields of just over two tons to the acre, resulting in a wine of exceptional density and concentration. A classic Hyde Vineyard Pinot Noir. Aromas of dried roses, cedar cigar box, almond toffee, and cocoa are exquisitely balanced with ripe cherry and cranberry notes. Ripe and full, yet effortlessly light and nuanced on the palate, the flavors dart and weave around a seamless juicy core of fresh red fruit. 2016 is a standout vintage.

WINEMAKING

- 100% Pinot Noir
- Multi-yeast fermentations (native yeast, followed by cultured yeast)
- 100% malo-lactic fermentation in barrel
- 100% Burgundian French oak barrels (50% new; 50% 1-2-year old)
- Bottled without filtration to preserve the wine's aromas and flavors and enhance aging potential

THE PATZ & HALL FAMILY OF WINEGROWERS

Larry Hyde and Family - Hyde Vineyard - Carneros, Napa Valley

Hailed as "The Wise Man of Carneros" by Wine Spectator, Larry Hyde is one of California's legendary winegrowers and viticulturists. An industry visionary, with a passionate connection to his vineyard, Larry has helped to develop two of the most important grape selections in California: Hyde-Wente Chardonnay and Hyde-Calera Pinot Noir. As a result, Hyde Vineyard has justifiably become one of California's superstar vineyards.

RELEASE DATE: September 2018
CASES PRODUCED: 859
LABEL ALCOHOL: 14.5%


JAMES HALL | Winemaker

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