



PATZ & HALL

2018 HYDE VINEYARD CARNEROS PINOT NOIR



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

The weather in 2018 was spectacular, making this another exceptionally fine vintage for Carneros. A near record long growing season, with plenty of cool days, punctuated with sunny and warm patches allowed flavors and textures to mature fully. Crop levels were above average, with many sites producing the best crops in years. The acidity levels are higher than normal, with perfectly ripened fruit. Though the year was cool, the fruit was very clean and high quality. A vintage to remember!

TASTING NOTES

This iconic site consistently delivers one of the most elegant and refined Pinots in our portfolio. The 2018 vintage is more robust and richer than typical, providing layers of ripe red currants and Bing cherries along with a lifted purity and freshness that supports elegant and cleansing acidity. The nose is filled with the Hyde Vineyard signature dried rose petals and cardamom/cinnamon spice. The mouth has great depth, showing composed, refined tannins that are knit together with strawberry, raspberry and a hint of cocoa. The mid-palate is delicate but flavorful and juicy, showing the elegance and complexity that is classic Hyde Pinot.

WINEMAKING

- 100% Pinot Noir
- Multi-yeast fermentations (native yeast, followed by cultured yeast)
- 100% Malo-lactic fermentation in barrel
- 100% Burgundian French oak barrels (45% new)
- 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.

James Hall
JAMES HALL | Winemaker

RELEASE DATE: SEPT. 2021
CASES PRODUCED: 1,259
ALCOHOL: 14.5%

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