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N A P A V A L L E Y ♦ C A R N E R O S

2018 Hyde Vineyard Syrah



Vineyard

The Hyde family is known for their expertise in growing cool-climate grape varieties in the Carneros region of the Napa Valley. They originally planted Hyde Vineyard in the 1970s. Their Pinot Noirs and Chardonnays are well known around the world, and their Syrah isn't one to let those alone share the spotlight. This Syrah is meticulously farmed, which gives the Bouchaine winemaking team the amazing opportunity to translate that incredible terroir into the bottle.

Growing Season

2018 delivered a late but incredible harvest. Beautiful weather during bloom allowed for a bounty of exceptional fruit. A cool, foggy summer with no heat events ensured slow even ripening, vibrant acidity and superb flavor development.

Vinification

Grapes are hand harvested at night, preserving berry integrity and low temperatures for cold soak. After a 7-day cold soak in open top tanks, only native yeast is used to ferment the Syrah. The wine is drawn off at the end of fermentation and the must placed into a basket press for gentle pressing. Malolactic fermentation is completed in French oak barrels, where the wine will age for 18 months on lees before final assembly just prior to bottling.

Tasting Notes

Warning: drinking the Hyde Vineyard Syrah will lead to your inability to do math correctly. Just one sip will make you completely sure that 40 plus 2 equals 1. This anomaly is due to the fact that 40 years of growing amazing Hyde Vineyard fruit in Carneros by a father and son team (Larry and Chris—the 2) adds up to 1 superb wine. A true Carneros cool climate Syrah, with vibrancy to match the layer upon layer of flavors and depth the Hyde Vineyard is known for.

Appellation

Napa Valley, Carneros

Vineyard

Hyde Vineyard

Aging

18 months

Harvest Date

October 11, 2018

Bottling Date

May 19, 2020

Maturation

33% new French oak

PH

3.52

TA

6.5 g/L

RS

0 g/L

Alcohol

14.5%

Production

320 cases (750ml)

Suggested Retail

\$85