



PATZ & HALL

2005 HYDE VINEYARD—CARNEROS CHARDONNAY

Vineyard Character: Scents of orange peel and orange blossom, flavors of fresh green apple, orange marmalade and ginger. This single vineyard Chardonnay is comprised of a blend of Larry Hyde's unique selections of Hyde-Wente, Musque and Robert Young clones.

Tasting Notes: Our 2005 HYDE VINEYARD Carneros Chardonnay is crisp, clean and powerful with lively and zesty aromas of ruby grapefruit, Kaffir lime and orange blossom. Elevated flavors of ripe pink lady apple, lemon drops, nectarine and white lily flower are followed by a creamy finish with great acidity and excellent balance of oak.

Winemaking:

100% Chardonnay fruit
Whole cluster pressed
Multi-yeast fermentations (wild & cultured)
Sur lie aged with weekly stirring
100% malo-lactic fermentation in barrel
45% new Burgundian French oak barrels
Bottled without filtration

Release Date: February, 2007

Cases produced: 3,055

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

Hyde Vineyard has justifiably become one of the superstar vineyards in Carneros. Through many years of dedicated research, planting and winemaking, Larry Hyde has developed two of the most important grape selections in California: Hyde-Wente Chardonnay and Hyde-Calera Pinot Noir. Both selections are noted for extremely low yields, primarily due to the very small berry size within each cluster. The Chardonnay from Hyde is perhaps the most sought after fruit in the pantheon of great California vineyards. The Hyde-Wente selection used for our wine is planted on the best soils at Hyde: sandy, clay loam, very low vigor and extremely well drained, lowering the yields even further than typical for this small berried clone.

James Hall
Winemaker