



PATZ & HALL

2006 HYDE VINEYARD – CARNEROS PINOT NOIR

Vineyard Character: This vineyard exhibits classic Carneros flavors of strawberries and raspberries mingled with mocha, espresso and cinnamon. Our HYDE VINEYARD Carneros Pinot Noir consists of grapes from three small parcels of the vineyard planted to a veritable who's who of the finest Pinot clones. Though this wine focuses on a core of Hyde-Calera grapes, it also includes Dijon 777, 667, 115, Swan, Pommard and Bebe clone fruit. As a result, it is at once delicate and fascinatingly intricate, while at the same time being dense, deeply colored and extracted.

Tasting Notes: Turning more towards the red-fruit spectrum of aromas and flavors than in previous vintages, the 2006 HYDE VINEYARD Carneros Pinot Noir showcases layers of strawberry, cherry and cassis. To accentuate these vibrant qualities, the winemaking incorporated 20 percent whole clusters, which also contributed an exotic hint of cinnamon-clove spice. Intricate, ethereal and aromatically driven, this nuanced Pinot Noir seamlessly blends smooth tannins with natural minerality and focused acidity, yielding a wine with bright, appealing finesse and sophistication.

Winemaking:

100% Pinot Noir

Multi-yeast fermentations (wild & cultured)

100% malo-lactic fermentation in barrel

50% new Burgundian French oak barrels

Bottled without filtration

Release Date: February 2008

Cases produced: 1,515

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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. Our Hyde Vineyard Pinot Noir comes from three small blocks within the larger Hyde Vineyard: two are planted with the famous Hyde-Calera selection, along with some Dijon, Pommard and Bebe clones, and the third is a plot of 25-year-old Swan clone.

James Hall
Winemaker