



PATZ & HALL

## 2007 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 and Robert Young clones.

**Tasting Notes:** While this wine is profoundly consistent from vintage to vintage, the 2007 bottling of our HYDE VINEYARD Carneros Chardonnay may set a new benchmark, combining all the classic Hyde elements with an effortless sense of grace and precision. From its white flower and marmalade aromatics to its flavors of peach, spicy pear, cinnamon, clove, hazelnut and honeycomb, this multifaceted wine seamlessly balances beautiful acids with a plush, creamy quality—ultimately leading to a rich and satisfying finish.

**Winemaking:**

100% Chardonnay fruit  
Whole cluster pressed  
100% indigenous yeast fermentation (wild)  
*Sur lie* aged with weekly stirring  
100% malo-lactic fermentation in barrel  
40% new Burgundian French oak barrels  
Bottled without filtration

**Release Date: October 2009**

**Cases produced: 2,103**

### THE PATZ & HALL FAMILY OF WINEGROWERS

*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 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