

PAUL HOBBS

2021 PINOT NOIR HYDE VINEYARD CARNEROS, NAPA VALLEY

VINEYARD

- Owner: Larry Hyde
- Clonal selection: calera
- Rootstock: 101-14
- Plant Date: 2008
- Soils: hair loam and bressa-dibble, weathered sandstone
- Exposure: 2-30% slope, northeast and southeast
- Trellis and pruning: vertical shoot positioned (vsp) | bilateral cane
- Yield: 2.05 tons/acre

GROWING SEASON

One of the best vintages in recent memory, 2021 will be remembered for its intensely flavored berries, a smooth harvest and most importantly, exquisitely balanced, nuanced, and vivid wines. The season began with historically low rainfall which, coupled with a cold winter, delayed bud break. However, despite the cooler start to the year, the remainder of the season proved to be temperate with no relevant unfavorable weather events. Warm temps and mild May weather conditions, for example, favored a compact bloom and an extremely uniform fruit set with highly desirable small berries and moderately sized, well-spaced clusters. Meanwhile, summer's long, cool mornings and warm afternoons permitted the fruit on the vine to take a slow, leisurely ride to full maturity—excellent for the physiological fruit development we prize. Harvest kicked-off punctually at 12:01 am, September 6, and after six glorious weeks, blessed our house with a fine crop of remarkably delicious, energetic, young wines.

HARVEST

- Hand-harvested at night, shears only
- Harvest date: September 11

WINEMAKING

- Hand-sorted while still cold from the field
- 10% whole cluster inclusion
- Fermented in small, open-top stainless steel tanks with indigenous yeasts
- 5-day cold soak, 15 day maceration
- Gentle punchdowns
- Spontaneous malolactic fermentation in barrel
- Aged 9 months in French oak barrels; 56% new
- Coopers: Leroi, Louis Latour, Remond, Taransaud, Cadus, Billion
- Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered; August 2022

TASTING NOTES

This esteemed vineyard located in the Carneros region that we have sourced from for more than 30 years continues to captivate with a ruby red hue and perfume of strawberry, wild raspberry, rose petal, and bergamot. A supple, enveloping texture coats the palate with layered flavors of dark cherry, black currant, and baking spices. It glides seamlessly on the palate with dusty tannins, picking up energy as it finishes effortlessly.