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# 2016 HYDE MERLOT

Sonoma Valley, Sonoma County

## LEGENDARY MERLOT

### VINTAGE NOTES

This limited-release Hyde Vineyard merlot comes with quite the origin story, beginning in 1970 when 5th generation vintner Jim Bundschu planted one of the first Merlot vineyards in California. Fellow Sonoma grower, Larry Hyde, purchased cuttings from Jim's Rhinefarm ranch and has been growing Merlot on his Carneros estate for almost 40 years. The result is graceful, complex - and some may say, legendary.

### VINEYARD INFORMATION

In 1979 Larry Hyde began planting 72 acres of what would become the Hyde Vineyard in Carneros, Napa Valley. His passion, hard work, persistence and forward thinking resulted in planting new clones of Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Merlot experimenting with row directions. All this led to his extensive collection that is still being documented today by the Foundation Plant Services at the University of California, Davis.

### TASTING NOTES

This beautiful Merlot from the Hyde Vineyard in Carneros will floor you in unexpected ways, like a first visit to the ballet. When the curtains come up, stunning layers of dark fruit swirl in a surprising effortless with African violet, vanilla and rose petals. Plums perfectly dance alongside cola and savory hints of leather and mushrooms. While this is no dainty wine, its gracefulness will likely ignite a romance you never expected with Merlot. And aren't those the best kind?

### COMPOSITION

97% Merlot, 2% Malbec, 1% Petit Verdot

### WINEMAKING

Hand-harvested  
Twice-daily gentle pump-overs  
Indigenous malolactic fermentation and weekly battonage

### SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE

\$65.00

### ALC/pH/ACID

Alc: 14.8%  
pH: 3.65  
TA: .54 g/L

### COOPERAGE

16 months  
100% French Oak, 35% New

### CASES PRODUCED

403 cases  
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