



**Patz & Hall
2001
Pinot Noir
Hyde Vineyard**



Tasting Notes:

Dark, ruby red color; aromas of black cherry, espresso and nutmeg with hints of violets and dark plum; the flavors are cherry/blackberry and cola with fresh earth and mocha undertones, this is an elegant, fine grained wine with lots of supple textures, a rich creamy mouth feel and a long lasting berry and spice finish.

Winemaking Notes:

100% Pinot Noir – three clones
Gentle “Enlightened Intervention” Methods
Multi-yeast Fermentations (wild & cultured)
Pre-Fermentation “Cold Soak” Maceration
70% New Burgundian French Oak Barrels
Bottled without Filtering

Hyde Vineyard has a number of different clones and parcels devoted to different grape varieties. Larry Hyde grows excellent Pinot Noir for a number of wine projects. Our grapes came from three sites within the vineyard - first, a tiny plot of Pinot Noir clone #113, second a somewhat larger parcel of old vine “Swan Clone” and most recently added to our mix a small parcel of both Dijon clone #113 and “Calera Clone”. The 2001 HYDE VINEYARD Pinot Noir is a combination of Larry’s unique dedication in the vineyard, a superior site and interesting clonal selections.

2001 was an excellent growing season with another long, cool fall. We monitored the crop levels very carefully and completed a “green harvest” thinning early in August prior to the final ripening push in the vineyard. Both of the clone #113 and Swan clone parcels produced modest amounts of very concentrated Pinot Noir grapes in 2001. The lowered yield along with the overall quality of the vineyard combined to produce a very exciting red wine. The signature of the Hyde Vineyard – Carneros Pinot Noir is *finesse and elegance*.

We crushed the Pinot Noir lots into our open topped fermenters we designed specially for Pinot Noir. We cold soaked the grape juice, skins and seeds briefly, followed by a warm, extractive fermentation. After primary fermentation the new wine was placed into 70% new French Oak barrels and underwent malo-lactic fermentation in barrel. Clone 113 is noted for the perfumed aromatics of the resulting wine along with delicate texture and very silky mouthfeel. The Swan Clone is noted for more powerful blackberry and earth aromas along with a rich texture and firm tannin structure. These two clones combine to make an interesting and complete example of Pinot Noir from Hyde Vineyard. The wine was kept topped up but no further racking or “working” of the wine was desired. All of our wines are bottled without filtration.