

DE LA GUERRA

CHARDONNAY

2006

Proprietors:	Mr. & Mrs. Aubert de Villaine Mr. & Mrs. Laurence W. Hyde Mr. & Mrs. Richard E. Hyde III
Region:	Napa Valley
Appellation:	Los Carneros
Vineyard:	Hyde Vineyard
Age of vines:	10 to 12 years
Geography:	Eastern edge of the Carneros District
Exposure:	South by southeast
Soil:	Shallow loam over clay hardpan
Subterranean:	Ancient terraces and alluvial fans
Acreage:	5.15 acres
Est. production:	1,264 cases
Harvest dates:	September 15, 19 and 20, 2006
Bottling date:	June 1, 2007
Release Date:	Fall 2007
Suggested Retail:	\$30

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2006 vintage was a year of eventful extremes. Despite significant flooding in parts of Napa Valley, winter rains did little damage at Hyde Vineyard where the shallow soils drain extremely well. Rain continued into spring delaying bud break by a few days. Mid-spring provided improved weather, as Hyde Vineyard experienced bloom along with a near perfect fruit set. A ten day heat-spike in July caused sporadic sunburn on various exposed clusters shutting down growth and hindering maturation for nearly two weeks. Sunburned clusters were carefully removed before veraison. Finally, the weather normalized through the month of August and the remainder of the season, consisting of morning fog and flavor concentrating winds.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Our young vine 2006 De La Guerra Chardonnay shows an intense nose of mineral and stone fruit, with a bouquet of grapefruit and fresh cantaloupe. The initial taste of steel and minerality on the mouth is carried through by a round and refreshing mid-palate. While elegant, this wine exhibits a vivacious core of mineral notes along with hints of peach and pear. The finish exudes the qualities of young vine Chardonnay from Hyde Vineyard: purity, minerality and brightness. These three characteristics unite for a lengthy, balanced finish.

- *Stéphane Vivier, Winemaker*