

RAM'S GATE

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2022 SYRAH HYDE VINEYARD

APPELLATION

Carneros

VINIFICATION

20 months in barrel
33% new French Oak
100% whole cluster

CLONE

Syrah Noir

ALCOHOL

14.4%

COOPERAGE

Darnajou, Ermitage

ABOUT THE WINE

Hidden among rows of Chardonnay at Hyde Vineyard lies a small, north-facing block of Syrah Noir planted over 25 years ago and quietly producing one of the most distinctive Rhône expressions in our portfolio. Shaped by its cool exposure and long history, this Syrah consistently offers laser-like freshness, vivid structure, and a dark, aromatic profile that sets it apart from the rest.

A searing heatwave over Labor Day compressed hang-time, producing fruit of exceptional intensity and depth. The resulting wine is nearly opaque in color—an inky Syrah that balances raw power with striking clarity.

Fermentation was carried out using native yeasts with 100% whole clusters, allowing the wine to fully express the site's energy and depth. Aromatically, black currant and crushed violets meet hints of charcuterie, wild thyme, and flint. There's a coiled tension in the glass, with the whole cluster adding lift and structure rather than overt spice.

On the palate, the 2022 Hyde Syrah is taut and layered, driven by acidity and framed by fine tannins. Just six barrels were made, underscoring the rarity of this bottling. While it promises years of evolution ahead, a generous decant will bring clarity and charm even in its youth.