



HYDE DE VILLAINE (HdV)

BIOGRAPHIES

LARRY HYDE, DIRECTOR, VITICULTURIST

Born into one of the oldest farming families in California, Larry Hyde came to the Napa Valley more than 40 years ago with a great love of wine and the soil. He spent his childhood accompanying his father's visits to family farms in the Central Valley. Larry attended the University of California at Berkeley, then transferred to UC Davis. In 1970, he was hired by Ridge Vineyards as a vineyard worker; two years later he bought a small wine press to explore home winemaking. Over the next five years, Larry worked for several respected wineries. In 1977, he left his job at Joseph Phelps to purchase and transform a plot of land in Carneros into what is now Hyde Vineyard. Larry is known for his cooperative spirit and his relentless desire to share and exchange information learned in his vineyards to improve the quality of viticulture throughout the valley.

AUBERT DE VILLAINE, DIRECTOR, PHILOSOPHER

Aubert de Villaine, married to the Hyde's cousin Pamela (Fairbanks) de Villaine, is one of Burgundy's most respected individuals. As the director of the Domaine de la Romanée-Conti, Aubert has spent years in careful study of every nuance that may enhance his viticulture and enological practices. Born and raised deep in the rich traditions of France's greatest winemakers, Aubert drives Hyde de Villaine's viticulture and winemaking philosophy. Though tradition and history may run heavily in his veins, his relentless desire to experiment and learn has brought him to Napa Valley to work with his family. Aubert was introduced to California wines in 1964, when he spent six months in the Napa Valley and interviewed Robert Mondavi for the French publication, *Revue du Vin de France*.

STÉPHANE VIVIER, WINEMAKER

Joining the venture in 2002, Stéphane Vivier brings refined skills in vineyard management and winemaking from around the world. He was born and raised in Meloisey, a small village near Saint-Romain in France's Burgundy region. Stéphane possesses a Master of Science in viticulture and enology from the Université de Bourgogne. His skills were cultivated in the vineyards and cellars of Pommard, Meursault and Chassagne-Montrachet, and his globe-trotting includes work in Switzerland, New Zealand and the Sonoma Coast. Stéphane works closely with directors Aubert de Villaine and Larry Hyde to adapt and implement the strictest viticultural and vinification techniques of France to the fruit of Hyde Vineyard.

JAMES EYER, GENERAL MANAGER

James Eyer joined Hyde de Villaine in the fall of 2014. Locally raised and educated, James brings 15 years of food and beverage experience to the team. In 2005, he received his undergraduate degree in history from Pacific Union College. Eight years later, James earned his MBA from Sonoma State University with a focus in wine business. With extensive experience in direct-to-consumer sales and marketing, James has a well-rounded understanding of the wine industry. Previous to HdV, James worked for Schweiger Vineyards for seven years.



Larry Hyde and Aubert de Villaine

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Stéphane Vivier and Larry Hyde



James Eyer