

Abreu

MADRONA RANCH CAPPELLA THOREVILOS HOWELL MOUNTAIN



2008 Rothwell Hyde Red Wine

We have produced Rothwell Hyde in limited quantities from exclusively estate-grown fruit since the 2001 harvest. The methods and philosophies applied to Rothwell Hyde expand on our belief that selectively harvesting vine-by-vine, guided by flavor alone, and co-fermenting these multi-varietal lots produces dynamic, ethereal wines of purity and balance. As each year has passed, we have evolved Rothwell Hyde into a true estate blend comprised of fruit from each of the Abreu vineyards. This way, we are able to achieve a true *Grand Vin*, similar to the inspiring wines of the Medoc we are so privileged to enjoy.

The 2008 harvest provided us with a long growing season that offered evenly-ripened fruit harvested from September 1 through October 12. This rendition of Rothwell Hyde is a barrel selection from Thorevilos, Madrona Ranch and Cappella. Thorevilos is the dominant presence - one barrel of hand-destemmed Merlot along with two puncheons of co-fermented Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot contribute great intensity to the blend, complimented by the sweet tannin of Madrona Ranch's Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. The Cappella component provides a fine, structural backbone which will allow the 2008 Rothwell Hyde to age for several years. Each separate component spends 18 months in 100% new French oak, then another 8 months maturing post-blend, before being bottled without fining or filtration.

VARIETAL BLEND:

53% Cabernet Sauvignon · 30% Cabernet Franc · 10% Merlot · 7% Petit Verdot

VINEYARD PROVENANCE:

58% Thorevilos · 32% Madrona Ranch · 10% Cappella

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