

VIADER

NAPA VALLEY

2013 DARE by Viader Cabernet Franc

In 2003, owner/winemaker Delia Viader “dared” to produce her first varietal Cabernet Franc from the VIADER Estate to showcase her favorite variety as an equally thrilling, accessible, and balanced wine. Our DARE by Viader wines are created with the intention that they be enjoyed young, offering bright fruit and approachability from the first taste to the last drop.



WINEMAKER'S NOTES:

Explosive aromatics showing dark red fruits and layers of tobacco, graphite, and baking spices. Lush, sweet juicy red fruits, chocolate, and caramel coat the palate. Full-bodied and impressive, the silky mouthfeel leaves you with mouthwatering acidity and a touch of fresh sage on the finish. Extremely approachable. Drink now or over the next 5 years.

FOOD PAIRING SUGGESTIONS:

Try it with Bark No. 72, slightly savory bittersweet chocolate by Mariela Viader.

WINE INFORMATION:

The current vintage wine is accessible because of its wealth of fruit and suppleness of tannin. The grapes received 45 days of skin contact before being transferred to French Oak barrels where the wines were aged for a total of 12 months, with the first six months *sur lees* (on its lees, which helps build the mid-palate).

Winemakers: Delia & Alan Viader (son)

Production: 674 cases

pH 3.72 Brix at harvest: 26.4°

2013 GROWING SEASON:

The wines from 2013 continue to impress, showing overwhelmingly rich, concentrated red fruits and remarkable structure and density that is still incredibly approachable due to smooth and supple tannins. The aromatics and flavors are complex; the wine has big concentration and freshness. While similar to the 2012 vintage in terms of ripeness, the 2013s show a certain viscosity and "weight" that persists in the mouthfeel due to the increased level of tannins. The growing season saw very little rainfall levels combined with a warm spring, followed by a warm and dry summer. This all contributed to high levels of tannin, sugar accumulation, seed maturity and many other positive attributes that produced an excellent quality vintage. All grape varieties showed beautiful and advanced phenolic development at harvest time, and the grapes quickly evolved into rich, sleek, accessible, and elegant wines. Harvest took place over two weeks earlier than in 2012. Our harvest of Cabernet Franc commenced on the night of September 12, 2013 and continued through September 30, 2013.