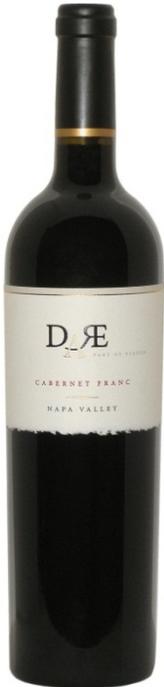


VIADER

NAPA VALLEY

2014 DARE by Viader Cabernet Franc

In 2003, founding 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:

Vibrant nose with ripe cherry, sugar plum, anise, graphite. Red fruits and bright acidity on the palate. Sweet gripping tannins have a velour-like texture. The finish is long with extended flavors of baking spices and sweet oak tannins.

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 30 days of skin contact before being transferred to both standard French oak barrels and larger 500L French and Hungarian oak barrels 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: 750 cases

pH 3.87 Brix at harvest: 25-26°

2014 GROWING SEASON:

The 2014 winter was one of the driest on record in California with rainfall levels around half of normal. However, we experienced heavy rains in late February and early March just as the vines were emerging from dormancy and about to begin bud break. We had a warm spring and rockin' summer with a 6.1 earthquake at 3:24am in the city of Napa (30 miles away) that was still felt on Howell Mountain. Harvest began slightly earlier than past years in the second week of September. Another drought year, but the result was smaller berries of high quality with more concentrated flavors.

ABOUT VIADER:

VIADER is a leading first growth Napa Valley estate established in 1986 by Delia Viader and located at 1300ft only eastern slopes of Howell Mountain. VIADER is recognized around the world for consistently producing high quality, very limited production red wines and red Bordeaux-style blends.