

# VIADER

NAPA VALLEY

## 2013 VIADER Estate Limited Edition "Black Label"

### ABOUT THE "Black Label"

The VIADER Estate Limited Edition, also known as "Black Label" comes entirely from our estate vineyard on Howell Mountain, representing our magnificent mountain's *terroir*. Each variety – Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, Cabernet Franc and Malbec – contributes its unique characteristics and their sum creates the ultimate luxurious experience for your palate.

### TASTING NOTES

This wine immediately captures your attention after the initial soft entry dives suddenly into a concentration of dense black fruits (blackberries, figs, and plums) and finishes with gripping tannins. Black fruits, currants, and black licorice dominate the nose. Smoky aromas of tar, cigar box, tobacco pipe complement the fruit notes, along with a hint of fresh herbs and spices. Big and powerful. Lots of baking spices and white pepper coat the finish. Drink/Hold over the next 7-10 years.

### VARIETAL COMPONENTS

57% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Syrah, 9% Cabernet Franc, 4% Malbec

WINEMAKERS Delia & son Alan Viader

APPELLATION Napa Valley (Estate Grown, Produced & Bottled)

PRODUCTION 650 cases



### HISTORY OF OUR VINEYARD

On the VIADER estate, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc have been cultivated since the winery's inception in 1986, and we have almost two decades of experience growing Syrah on Howell Mountain. However, only in 2004 did we start producing Malbec. Alan Viader planted under a 1/8 acre on the estate after spending a harvest in Mendoza, Argentina where Malbec is the region's most distinctive grape. Although our yields are depressingly small, the wine produced from our estate Malbec expands with blackberry and soft supple tannins that envelop the palate. In the "Black Label" blend, our Argentinean Malbec is like the "pinch" of salt that brings everything together!

### 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 the prior year.