

VIADER

NAPA VALLEY

2004 VIADER

CABERNET SAUVIGNON 60 %
CABERNET FRANC 40%

VIADER captures an ideal balance between Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. Cabernet Sauvignon adds complexity and character as well as the backbone structure for long aging potential while Cabernet Franc contributes to the early approachability, elegant structure and violet-like aromatics. VIADER is made from the finest selection of our hillside estate on Howell Mountain.

WINEMAKER NOTES:

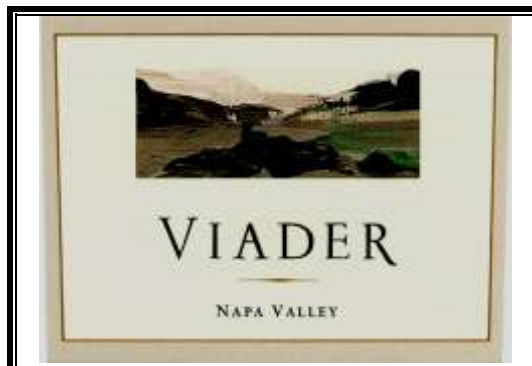
The 2004 Viader is intense, upfront, floral bouquet laced with chocolate, coffee, anise, earth and leather. Lingering, complex tannins firm up in the finish which is rounded by the powerful aromas of blackberry, blueberry and mint. Approachable now, bottle aging will further develop bouquet and complexity. A wonderfully elegant mountain beauty!

THE VINIFICATION OF VIADER:

We use extended maceration on hand selected lots of our most promising fruit and allow malo-lactic fermentation to occur in barrel. The wine spends a minimum of 23 months in new French oak barrels in our underground caves. Our wine regime usually calls for racking every 12 - 14 weeks, so there is no need for fining or filtration. Our philosophy is to allow the grapes and *terroir* (all factors that influence the character of grapes grown in a specific microclimate) to express naturally in every glass of Viader.

2004 GROWING SEASON:

The 2004 growing season started with an early bud break followed by heat spikes in June and scattered intervals throughout the summer season. Grapes completed version early allowing for even maturity and well developed sugars. Steady warm temperatures towards the end of the season made for one of the earliest harvests in history. Grape quality was very good with a crop that was smaller than average. The 2004 growing season balanced the unique characteristics of our *terroir*. Warm summer days built up intensity and complexity in the grapes, while the cool nights ensured good acidity levels.



RELEASE DATE: September 2007

HARVEST DATES: Sept. 20-26, 2004

WINEMAKERS: Delia Viader and Alan Viader (son)

APPELLATION: Napa Valley

AVG. BRIX AT HARVEST: 24°-26° **pH:** 3.91

PRODUCTION: 2,214 cases