

VIADER

NAPA VALLEY

2007 DARE by Viader CABERNET FRANC

DARE by Viader Cabernet Franc is a blend of select barrels from our estate vineyards on Howell Mountain and fruit sourced from Stagecoach Vineyards in Oakville.

TASTING NOTES:

The wine shows red raspberry, ripe wild strawberry, and red fruit aromas along with characteristic pencil shavings. Thanks to an outstanding vintage, the 2007 is medium to full-bodied with a sweet entry and mid-palate and tight-grained tannins coated by a velvety texture. The once firm structure has softened over time, and the vibrant acidity enables a lingering finish that is bolder than the preceding vintage.

Our 2007 DARE by Viader Cabernet Franc is described by Stephen Tanzer of the *International Wine Cellar* as having “perfumed aromas of red raspberry, currant and rose petal. Juicy, pretty and fruit flavors offer lovely inner-mouth aromatics and varietal character.”

WINEMAKING:

Alan Viader fermented the fruit for our DARE by Viader Cabernet Franc in small batches of fewer than 6 tons each in stainless steel tanks with whole berries and long cold soaks, turning the volume of the tanks constantly. Fermentations were quick, at temperatures below 85-88°F to preserve the delicate aromas. The gentle extraction slowly builds the middle structure of the wines. Extended maceration periods, more than double of previous vintages, was done to balance tannin structure with richer and denser fruit notes. Wines remained *sur lees* for a period of 6 months with *batonage* (stirring) every 2 weeks. Wines were aged 16 months on 100% French oak, with 50% new barrels.

GROWING SEASON:

An outstanding vintage, with about 60% of normal precipitation through winter. A warm spring resulting in earlier budding, bloom and fruit set in the vineyards. A mild summer, with few days topping 100 degrees and notably fewer days in the 90s. Harvest followed a traditional, even relaxed, pace. Brief light showers preceded an Indian summer, which turned out warm, clear days and spurred harvest crews into high gear to finish harvest.



HARVEST DATES: Oct., 2007 **WINEMAKERS:** Delia Viader & Alan Viader (son)

APPELLATION: Napa Valley **PRODUCTION:** 400 cases