



2009 DARE by Viader Cabernet Franc

After being named the “Queen of Cabernet Franc,” in 2003, owner/winemaker Delia Viader “dared” to produce her first varietal Cabernet Franc 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, from the first taste to the last drop.

Winemaker's Notes:

Deep ruby color, aromas of roasted cherries, with high notes of anise seed, cedar, graphite. On the palate it is bright, energetic, lush, with a good round middle, silky texture, and tightly-woven tannins. Elegance carries through start to finish.

Food Pairing Suggestions:

Grilled flatbread with roasted black olives.
Rabbit Agnolotti with EVOO
or tomato-based sauce.
Spicy prawn tapas: “Gambas al Ajillo”

Wine Reviews:

Described by Stephen Tanzer in *The International Wine Cellar*: Aromas of raspberry, plum, redcurrant and cedar. **Silky but with a firm spine of rather suave tannins to support the ripe red fruit flavors.** Rounder and smoother than the 2008 version (the pH here is a relatively high 3.89), but the finishing fruit and tannins really saturate the mouth. **Sexy wine** in the making. (89-91 points)

2009 Growing Season:

Rainfall was slightly short of normal, but the precipitation came at convenient intervals during the growing cycle. Napa Valley enjoyed a mild, relatively cool growing season, with everything working in unison to give vines and grapes the best scenario possible.

Wine Information:

Aged for a total of 18 months, with the first six months *sur lees* in French Oak barrels. 617 cases produced.

Harvested: Sept. 17 – Oct. 2, 2009

Brix: 23.2-25.2°

pH: 3.9



About VIADER:

VIADER is a leading first growth Napa Valley winery established by Delia Viader in 1986 on the steep, rocky slopes of Howell Mountain. Delia's innovative farming methods have made her one of Napa Valley's pioneer women winemakers. Her wines have been lauded worldwide for their elegance, complexity, and long-aging potential. Today, her children help manage the winery operations and stunning hospitality center.