

VIADER

NAPA VALLEY

2006 VIADER “V”

62% Petit Verdot ♦ 38% Cabernet Sauvignon

“V” showcases the *Petit Verdot* grape with its very dense, almost inky color and high natural acidity, from the VIADER Estate. Each year “V” is blended and aged over two years in new French oak barrels with its more recognized cousin, *Cabernet Sauvignon*, to express the uniqueness of the vintage. Due to the very small size of the *Petit Verdot* plantings, this wine will always be short on production, but long on personality.

WINEMAKER NOTES:

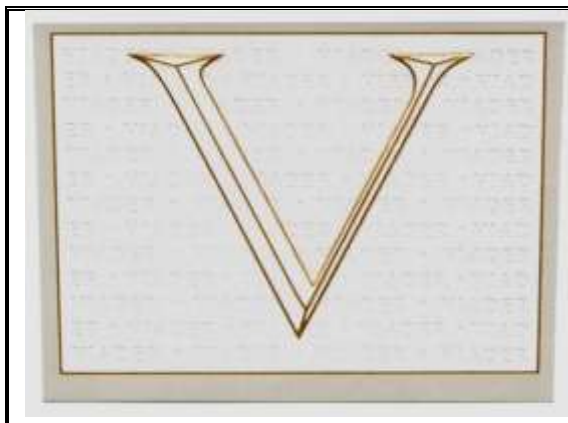
With incredibly intriguing qualities, the fruit and structure of the 2006 “V” exudes a tantalizing touch of mystery. Rose petals and harmonizing aromas of dry sandalwood and burnt caramel bring back memories of caramel brittle. Vibrant black cherries, black currant and pomegranate coat the palate with piquant spice, full body and vanillin on the finish.

THE TERROIR OF “V”:

The *Petit Verdot* plantings (all 2,396 vines) are located in the northeast corner of the vineyard in a tiny, two acre plot planted in 1986. The soil is particularly rocky and the yields are pitifully small. The wines made from these grapes show such a distinct personality as to remind you of “liquid bittersweet chocolate in the glass,” but with fewer calories.

GROWING SEASON:

The 2006 growing season presented a few hurdles, from record rainfall at the New Year to delayed bud break due to a cool spring. In June, the shoots eagerly pushed, and proper canopy management was critical. In July, temperatures soared over 100° for well over a week, but our grapes were protected by the canopy with vine rows oriented East-West. Manual leafing was performed to expose the fruit zone and improve air flow for uniform ripening. Temperatures cooled down in August allowing a steady ripening pace. Harvest dates Oct. 6 through Oct. 26. Hand-harvesting started at 10pm with the cold fruit arriving to our cellar immediately after.



RELEASE DATE: Fall 2009

WINEMAKER: Delia Viader & Alan Viader (son)

CONSULTANT: Michel Rolland

APPELLATION: Napa Valley

HARVEST DATE: Oct. 7, 2006

PRODUCTION: 168 cases