

VIADER

NAPA VALLEY

2007 VIADER “V”

92% Petit Verdot ✧ 8% Cabernet Sauvignon

“V” highlights 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 best of the season. 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:

Full of ripe flavors and bold tannins from an outstanding 2007 vintage, this “V” showcases the highest percentage of *Petit Verdot* than any previous blend. Deep color, with aromas of violets, huckleberry, cassis, blackberry, and vanilla. Lifting acidity with loads of rose petals on the palate, with a touch of spice and dark bittersweet chocolate. The high level of *Petit Verdot* contributes to an intensely floral, bright and full mouthfeel. We recommend decanting for at least 2 hours.

THE TERROIR OF “V”:

Our *Petit Verdot* plantings (all 2,396 vines) are located in the northeast corner of the vineyard in a tiny, two acre plot first planted in 1986. The soil is extremely rocky and the yields are particularly small, producing very small berries with a high concentration of flavor. “V” is then fermented in small concrete tanks to preserve the aromas and supple tannins. Concrete tanks (produced in Burgundy, France) allow for a slower, more natural, low-temperature evolution of the wine during fermentation. “V” shows such a distinct personality as to remind you of **“liquid bittersweet chocolate in the glass.”**

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 started with almost a relaxed pace with brief showers. The subsequent warm, clear days prompted our team to quickly finish harvest.



RELEASE DATE: Fall 2010

WINEMAKER: Delia Viader & Alan Viader (son)

CONSULTANT: Michel Rolland

APPELLATION: Napa Valley

HARVEST DATE: Oct. 13, 2007 **BRIX:** 25.4°

PRODUCTION: 256 cases