

VIADER

NAPA VALLEY

2008 VIADER “V”

54% Petit Verdot ✧ 46% Cabernet Franc

“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 one or both of its more recognized cousins, *Cabernet Franc* and *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:

Overwhelming aromas of violets and purple flowers, with black pepper, cinnamon, star anise followed by ripe red plum, boysenberry, blackberry, tart cherry, vanilla, sandalwood, and wet stone. The creamy mid-palate contains baking spices with ripe blueberry, baked red delicious apples and cocoa powder on the lingering and complex finish. Great acidity and great texture. Over time, the flavors develop in complexity with notes of wild strawberry, cherry, raspberry, cranberry with espresso bean and chocolate. We recommend decanting for at least 2 hours.

SUGGESTED FOOD PAIRINGS:

Grilled Portobello, seasonal mushrooms, filet mignon, Porterhouse, rib-eye, or Colorado rack of lamb. Roasted vegetables (best if charbroiled). Creamy polenta.

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.**”

2008 GROWING SEASON:

In the 2008 vintage, we harvested fruit of incredible concentration and balanced structure. Although low-yielding, 2008 is a high-quality vintage and has produced wines of great elegance.



RELEASE DATE: Fall 2010

WINEMAKER: Delia Viader & Alan Viader (son)

CONSULTANT: Michel Rolland

APPELLATION: Napa Valley

HARVEST DATE: Sept. 26, 2008 for Cabernet Franc & Oct. 2, 2008 for Petit Verdot

PRODUCTION: 256 cases