

VIADER

NAPA VALLEY

2013 VIADER “V”

64% *Petit Verdot* ✧ 36% *Cabernet Sauvignon*

“V” highlights the *Petit Verdot* grape with its very dense, almost inky color and very high natural acidity, from the VIADER Estate. Each year “V” is blended and aged over two years in 100% new French oak barrels with one of its more recognized cousins, *Cabernet Sauvignon* to showcase the excellent expression of the variety coming from our rocky hillside vineyard during that season. Due to the very small size of the *Petit Verdot* plantings at VIADER, this wine will always be short on production, but quite long on personality.

WINEMAKER NOTES:

Full bouquet of fresh roses, wild violets and dried flowers that settle into fresh juicy fruit aromas that bring to mind sweet candied strawberry and sugar plums. The oak influence is more apparent here, bringing forth aromas of smoke and dark spices. Powerful presence and velvety texture throughout with densely packed ripe fruit flavors. Unexpectedly light and silky given its bold structure, which is due to the higher natural acidity of the *Petit Verdot* variety, and it leaves the palate wanting another taste! Drink/Hold over the next 7–15 years.

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.”**

2013 GROWING SEASON:

The wines from 2013 continue to impress, showing overwhelmingly rich, concentrated red fruits and remarkable structure and density that is still incredibly approachable due to smooth and supple tannins. The aromatics and flavors are complex; the wine has big concentration and freshness. While similar to the 2012 vintage in terms of ripeness, the 2013s show a certain viscosity and “weight” that persists in the mouthfeel due to the increased level of tannins. The growing season saw very little rainfall levels combined with a warm spring, followed by a warm and dry summer. This all contributed to high levels of tannin, sugar accumulation, seed maturity and many other positive attributes that produced an excellent quality vintage. All grape varieties showed beautiful and advanced phenolic development at harvest time, and the grapes quickly evolved into rich, sleek, accessible, and elegant wines. Harvest took place over two weeks earlier than the prior year.



RELEASE DATE: Spring 2016 WINEMAKERS: Delia & Alan Viader (son) APPELLATION: Napa Valley

HARVEST DATES: October, 2013 PRODUCTION: 256 cases