

# VIADER

NAPA VALLEY

## 2014 VIADER “V”

74% *Petit Verdot* ✧ 26% *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:

Almost opaque in color, this wine is layered with floral, herbal and fruit notes. Aromas of violets and rosebuds are gently mixed with spices like cardamom, coriander, allspice. Concentrated dark red fruits such as cherries, cassis, and plums are complemented by the rich flavors of figs and dates. On the palate the fruit comeslingles with bitter chocolate and toffee. Complex and balanced. The super long finish is weighted by oak spices and vanilla notes that will become more integrated as the wine matures.

### 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.”**

### 2014 GROWING SEASON:

The 2013-2014 winter was one of the driest on record in California with rainfall levels around half of normal. However, we experienced heavy rains in late February and early March just as the vines were emerging from dormancy and about to begin bud break. We had a warm spring and rockin' summer with a 6.1 earthquake at 3:24am in the city of Napa (30 miles away) that was still felt on Howell Mountain. Harvest began slightly earlier than past years in the second week of September. Another drought year, but the result was smaller berries of high quality with more concentrated flavors.

RELEASE DATE: Spring 2017 WINEMAKERS: Delia & Alan Viader (son) APPELLATION: Napa Valley

HARVEST DATES: September 2014 PRODUCTION: 477 cases