

VIADER

NAPA VALLEY

2002 VIADER

51% Cabernet Sauvignon 49% Cabernet Franc

RE-RELEASE DATE: October 15, 2005

OWNER: Delia Viader, Ph.D.

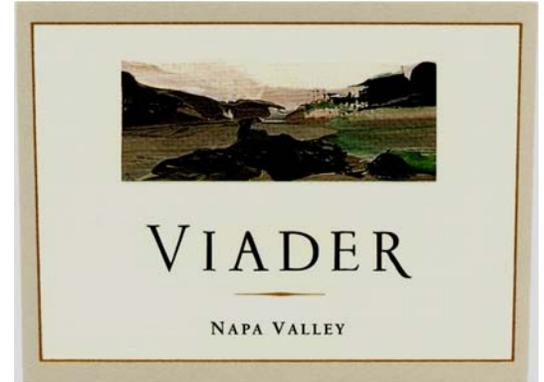
WINEMAKER: Delia Viader & Jon Berlin.

APPELLATION: Napa Valley (on Howell Mountain)

HARVEST DATES: Sept. 30 – Oct. 11

BRIX AT HARVEST: 23.5° to 24.5° **PH:** 3.76

PRODUCTION: 4,000 cases



2002 GROWING SEASON

The 2002 was a long, balanced and mostly mild growing season. Generally cool weather alternated with periods of warmth accentuated the spring. Summer came loaded with mostly warm days followed by cool mountainside nights allowing the fruit to develop complexity and intensely concentrated flavors. This mild weather also enabled us to give the grapes a long “hanging on the vine” period which brought them to a balanced phenolics/acidity level and allowed full physiological maturity. Our vineyards are completely organic and bio-dynamically farmed.



WINEMAKING

The Viader blend of *Cabernet Sauvignon* and *Cabernet Franc* captures an ideal balance between the two varietals; the Cabernet Franc contributes to early approachability and the Cabernet Sauvignon provides long aging potential.

We use extended maceration on hand selected lots of our most promising fruit and allow malolactic fermentation to occur in barrel. The wine spends a minimum of 23 months in new French oak barrels in our underground caves. Our wine regime usually calls for racking every 12 - 14 weeks, so there is no need for fining or filtration. Our philosophy is to allow the grapes and *terroir* (all factors that influence the character of grapes grown in a specific microclimate) to express **naturally** in every glass of Viader.



WINEMAKER NOTES

The 2002 Viader showcases the best the vintage has to offer: intense, upfront, concentrated dark fruit notes laced with licorice, chocolate, anise, earth and leather. Lingering, complex tannins firm up in the finish which is rounded by powerful floral aromas of blackberry, blueberry and mint. Although quite approachable now bottle aging will further develop bouquet and complexity. This powerful gem will continue to age superbly over the next two decades. **Cheers! To a wonderfully elegant mountain beauty!**



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