

VIADER

NAPA VALLEY

1998 VIADER

(pronounced "via-dare")

63% CABERNET SAUVIGNON 37% CABERNET FRANC

VIADER captures an ideal balance between Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. Cabernet Sauvignon adds complexity and character as well as the backbone structure for long aging potential while Cabernet Franc contributes to the early approachability, elegant structure and violet-like aromatics. VIADER is made from the finest selection of our organically farmed hillside estate on Howell Mountain.

WINEMAKER NOTES:

The 1998 VIADER is an approachable wine with good fruit expression. Cabernet Franc particularly enhanced this vintage with its great aromatics and bright black cherry fruit. Mountain grown wines tended to fare better in 1998 than on the valley floor –better angle of sun exposure allowed complete ripening. Approachable now, bottle aging will further develop bouquet and complexity. A wonderfully elegant mountain beauty!

VINIFICATION:

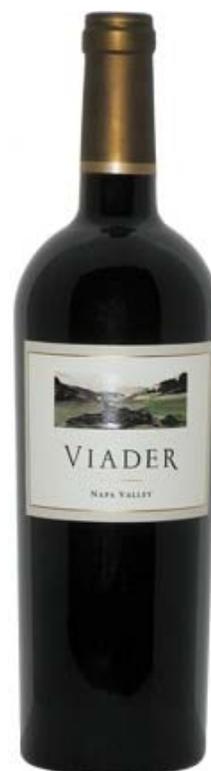
Malolactic fermentation occurs in barrel. 96% new French oak barrels, 4% Russian oak barrels. 21 months aging in Taransaud and Seguin Moreau barrels. Extended maceration of hand selected lots. Racked every 10 to 12 weeks.

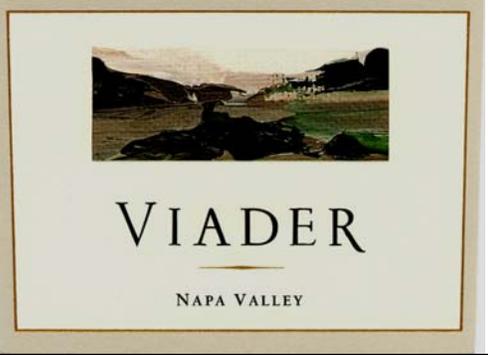
REVIEWS:

Wine Spectator's Top Picks. "Extraordinarily rich, deep, complex and concentrated, yet remarkably elegant and graceful, this deft red blend reveals layers of exotic spice, black cherry, currant, coffee, tobacco and cedary notes ending in a long, complex aftertaste. **94.**" (*James Laube, Sr. Editor, Wine Spectator, February 2001*)

"Mellow aromas of plum and wood smoke. Supple and plummy in the mouth, with subtle notes of chocolate and tobacco. A fairly approachable wine already, finishing with ripe tannins and good length." (*Stephen Tanzer, International Wine Cellar, June 2001.*)

The Top 100. "In only 10 vintages, VIADER has established itself as one of California's top reds. Even more remarkable, I achieved a classic rating in the extremely difficult '98 vintage. Tony Soter, who retired from consulting in 1999, worked with winemaker Delia Viader on this blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc." (*Bruce Sanderson, Wine Spectator, December 2001.*)



	<p>RELEASE DATE: October 1, 2000</p> <p>HARVEST DATES: October 15-19th, 1998</p> <p>WINEMAKER: Delia Viader, Ph.D.</p> <p>APPELLATION: Napa Valley</p> <p>AVG. BRIX AT HARVEST: 23.8 pH: 3.83</p>
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