



# DARIOUSH

**SIGNATURE CABERNET FRANC**  
2005 VINTAGE ~ NAPA VALLEY

## DARIOUSH DISTINCTION

As a classic Bordeaux varietal, Cabernet Franc imparts such intensity of fruit and dark earthy components when blended into our Signature Cabernet Sauvignon. On its own, it possesses power with great poise.

## TASTING NOTES

Introduced by vibrant aromas of blackberry, cherry and bittersweet chocolate, the 2005 vintage is focused and intense. A saturated palate showcases flavors of loganberry and kirsch liqueur, while firm tannins suggest oolong tea, cedar and tobacco.

## VINIFICATION

- ~ Meticulous attention to detail in vineyard and cellar
- ~ Hand-harvested into small 28 lb. baskets
- ~ Hand-sorted twice, before and after de-stemming
- ~ Fermentation includes cold soaking for 4 days, with gentle pump-overs and extended maceration for optimal color extraction and tannin management
- ~ Barrel lots racked 4 times per year for clarity with minimal handling

## ERIC TORRALBA, PRIVATE CHEF

"The 2005 Cabernet Franc reminds me of a unique wine from my home in South France, called Madiran. It is earthy, full of spice, and offering lush candied black fruit. I wish to pair it with lightly spiced couscous or medallions of venison with huckleberry."

Eric is a private chef to Darioush and Shahpar Khaledi, and has worked beside Chef greats Paul Bocuse, Jean Louis Palladin and Thomas Keller and in kitchens worldwide, and is a recipient of two Michelin stars.

COMPOSITION 100% Cabernet Franc

APPELLATION Darioush Estate Vineyards,  
Napa Valley, Oak Knoll, Mt. Veeder

COOPERAGE Aged 22 months in 70% new French oak  
barrels; 3 year seasoned Tronçais and Allier Forests, Bordeaux

WINEMAKER Steve Devitt

PRODUCTION 849 cases

PRICE \$55.00

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