



# DARIOUSH

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

## DARIOUSH DISTINCTION

The cool, consistent growing season in 2005 provided extended hang-time and even ripening, resulting in highly developed, concentrated flavors from the fruit on our three estate vineyards. The 2005 Signature Cabernet Sauvignon exemplifies how an ideal vintage and meticulous attention to detail in the vineyard can result in powerful wines with extraordinary depth, character and poise.

## TASTING NOTES

Enticing aromas of vanilla bean, blackberry and crème de cassis introduce this bold, yet harmonious wine. A rich and well-focused palate is endowed with layered flavors of wild black cherry, plum and espresso. An elegant and generous finish is accented by delicate hints of cinnamon, nutmeg and spice box.

## VINIFICATION

- ~ Meticulous attention to detail in vineyard and minimal cellar handling
- ~ 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 were racked 2-3 times per year for clarity

**ROBERT CURRY, EXECUTIVE CHEF**  
AUBERGE DU SOLEIL, RUTHERFORD, CA

"luscious and silky wine that would pair perfectly with the Venison Tournedos on my current menu-it's a great compliment to the red wine cranberry jus. I would also recommend it with our spiced lamb loin-the black olive goes nicely with earthy undertones in the 2005."

**COMPOSITION** 83% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc, and 2% Malbec

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

**COOPERAGE** Aged 22 months in 85% new Taransaud Chateau Traditional French oak barrels from Tronçais

**WINEMAKER** Steve Devitt

**PRODUCTION** 9,715 cases

**PRICE** \$80.00

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