



CARAVAN

2009 ESTATE CARAVAN CABERNET SAUVIGNON

CARAVAN STORY

Caravan shares the pedigree of Darioush's Signature wines, but displays more ripe, saturated fruit with an elegantly textured finish. Caravan Cabernet Sauvignon is comprised of a unique blend with Merlot, Cabernet Franc or Malbec from our estate vineyards— lending more depth and complexity of flavor to the finished wine.

TASTING NOTES

The long and cool 2009 growing season resulted in average yields of rich, bright and structured fruit. Appealing aromas of lavender, herbs de Provence and black cherry liqueur introduce the 2009 Caravan. The wine is full-bodied, exhibiting alluring dark fruits— juicy plum and blueberry, balanced by dusty mocha, anise and oolong tea. Well-balanced, the tannins are soft and round and the finish long and enjoyable, revealing delicate notes of cinnamon and cedar.

VINIFICATION

- Meticulous attention to detail in vineyard and cellar
- Hand-harvested into small 28 LB. baskets
- Hand-sorted twice, before and after de-stemming
- Cold soaked for 72 hours in small fermenters

COMPOSITION 85% Cabernet Sauvignon,
10% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc, 1% Malbec

APPELLATION Darioush Estate Vineyards in
Napa Valley & Mount Veeder

COOPERAGE Aged 22 months in 70%
new French & European oak, medium toast
Bordeaux barrels

WINEMAKER Steve Devitt

AVAILABILITY 6,700 cases

RELEASE PRICE \$42.00

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