



# DARIOUSH

SIGNATURE CABERNET SAUVIGNON  
2004 VINTAGE ~ NAPA VALLEY

## DARIOUSH DISTINCTION

Grown in the cooler climates of Southern Napa Valley and upon the rocky slopes of Mt. Veeder, our Cabernet Sauvignon 'Signature' will always be its graceful combination of rich concentrated fruit, earth and spice. Always a traditional Bordeaux-style blend, the addition of Merlot, Malbec, Petit Verdot, and Cabernet Franc round out the palate and contribute to a long and luscious finish.

## TASTING NOTES

Alluring floral and licorice aromatics combine with the sweet scent of crushed blackberries to introduce this alluring wine. Finely-knit tannins support a rich, full-bodied mid-palate of crème de cassis, European dark chocolate, espresso, earth and exotic allspice. Though best decanted in its youth, this Cabernet will age gracefully for the next decade.

## 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 were racked 2-3 times per year for clarity

## FOOD AFFINITIES

Robert Curry, Executive Chef Auberge du Soleil: "The '04 Darioush Cabernet is a luscious and silky wine that would pair perfectly with the Vension 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 2004."

**COMPOSITION** 83% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc, 2% Malbec and 1% Petit Verdot

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

**COOPERAGE** Aged 24 months in 70% new French oak barrels; 3 year seasoned Tronçais and Allier Forests, Bordeaux

**WINEMAKER** Steve Devitt

**PRODUCTION** 8,520 cases

**PRICE** \$74.00

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