



DARIOUSH

SIGNATURE SHIRAZ
2004 VINTAGE ~ NAPA VALLEY

DARIOUSH DISTINCTION

We have always believed that Shiraz has the potential to possess great structure, complexity and age-worthiness while maintaining its inherent spirit of spicy, dark fruit. Our Shiraz fruit is grown on vines cloned from 50% old vine Australian Shiraz and 50% Northern Rhone Syrah vines.

TASTING NOTES

A robust bouquet of sandalwood, cinnamon spice and dark chocolate give subtle hints to the decadent layers of red and black fruits on the palate. A rich mid-palate of blackberry, crème de cassis and dried orange peel displays some intriguing minerality for this varietal. Ripe cherry and blackberries linger into a refined, lengthy finish. Cellar for 5-8 years.

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 4 days in small open and closed top fermenters
- ~ Each barrel lot was racked 2-3 times per year for clarity and minimally handled

FOOD AFFINITIES

Pairs beautifully with aged beef tenderloin, hearty stews, Middle-Eastern spiced lamb or any savory game dish.

COMPOSITION 100% Shiraz

APPELLATION Darioush Estate Vineyards
Napa Valley and Oak Knoll

COOPERAGE Aged 18 months in
new French oak, Burgundy cooperage

WINEMAKER Steve Devitt

PRODUCTION 1,751 cases

PRICE \$64.00

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