

# DARIOUSH

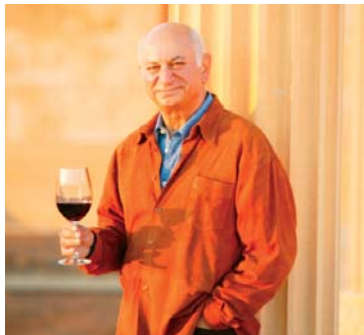
DARIOUSH IS A 115-ACRE NAPA VALLEY ESTATE PRIVATELY OWNED AND FOUNDED BY DARIOUSH KHALEDI IN 1997. THE WINERY FOCUSES ON LIMITED PRODUCTION 'OLD WORLD' STYLE WINES FEATURING THE SIGNATURE CABERNET SAUVIGNON AS THE CORNERSTONE OF OUR PRODUCTION.

PRONOUNCED  
Dar-ee-yoosh  
FOUNDED  
1997

PROPRIETOR  
Darioush Khaledi  
WINEMAKER & VITICULTURALIST  
Steve Devitt

**THE WINERY** Modeled after Persia's ancient capital city Persepolis, the winery and visitor center provide an ideal environment for tasting fine wines produced from the estate.

**VISITING DETAILS** Open 10:30am to 5:00pm daily. To book an appointment, please contact our concierge at [concierge@darioush.com](mailto:concierge@darioush.com) or call us at 707.257.2345, extension 130.

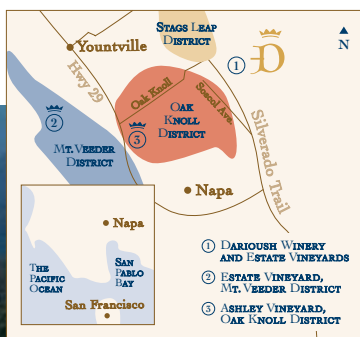


**INTEGRITY** Darioush Khaledi grew up in Shiraz, one of Persia's prominent wine-growing regions. He developed a passion for wine at an early age and became a collector of some of the world's finest wines. Trained as a civil engineer, he and his family came to Southern California in the late 1970's where he was faced with the challenge of rebuilding his life. Khaledi purchased a grocery store in the city of Los Angeles and now, over thirty years later, operates one of the most successful independently owned grocery businesses in the United States.



**FARMING FIRST** Winemaker Steve Devitt personally manages the estate vineyards, easily spending 80% of his winemaking career outside the cellar controlling every aspect of farming. Fruit is sourced primarily from southern Napa which benefits from cool maritime breezes and a moderate climate, creating an ideal environment for growing Bordeaux varietals with more poise, concentration, and character.

**ATTENTION TO DETAIL** Darioush is committed to each detail of wine production, from the vineyard through hand-harvesting and hand-sorting each grape cluster. This is a meticulous and labor intensive method, but it ensures that only the finest, fully matured and consistent fruit is used in our wines.





	<b>SIGNATURE CABERNET SAUVIGNON</b>	<b>SIGNATURE SHIRAZ</b>	<b>SIGNATURE MERLOT</b>	<b>SIGNATURE CHARDONNAY</b>	<b>SIGNATURE VIOGNIER</b>
<b>Varietal Composition</b>	83% Cabernet Sauvignon 12% Merlot 3% Cabernet Franc 2% Malbec	100% Shiraz	96% Merlot 4% Cabernet Sauvignon	100% Chardonnay	100% Viognier
<b>Appellation</b>	Napa Valley	Napa Valley	Napa Valley	Napa Valley	Napa Valley
<b>Darioush Distinction</b>	Grown in the cooler climates of Southern Napa Valley and upon the rocky slopes of Mt. Veeder, our Cabernet Sauvignon's 'Signature' will always be its graceful combination of rich concentrated fruit, earth and spice.	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.	Harvesting only intensely ripe fruit from low yielding vineyards on both the Darioush Estate and hillsides of Mt. Veeder provides our Merlot with depth, texture and aromatic complexities.	Sourcing from cool vineyard sites in southern Napa allows the clusters to ripen slowly, revealing a delicate balance of crisp acidity and fruit forward character. An intense Chardonnay with great concentration and balance.	This single vineyard estate grown Viognier derives its consistently distinctive character from a four-acre site within our Ashley Vineyard. The fruit and resulting wine is handled as little as possible allowing the wine to reveal itself.
<b>Vineyards</b>	Darioush Estate vineyards in Napa Valley, Oak Knoll, and Mt. Veeder	Darioush Estate vineyards in Napa Valley and Oak Knoll	Darioush Estate vineyards in Napa Valley, Oak Knoll, Mt. Veeder	Darioush Estate vineyards in Napa Valley, Oak Knoll, Carneros	Darioush Estate vineyard in Oak Knoll
<b>Vinification</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Meticulous attention to detail in vineyard and cellar</li> <li>- Hand-harvested into small 28 lb baskets</li> <li>- Hand-sorted twice, before and after de-stemming</li> <li>- Fermentation includes cold soaking for 4 days, with gentle pump-overs for optimal extraction and tannin management</li> <li>- Aged 18–24 months in Bordeaux (Burgundy for Shiraz) 'cooper select' French oak barrels</li> <li>- Cabernet Sauvignon barrel lots racked 2–3 times per year for clarity</li> <li>- Shiraz racked two times prior to bottling</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Meticulous attention to detail in vineyard and cellar</li> <li>- Hand-harvested into small 28 lb baskets</li> <li>- Hand-sorted; whole cluster pressed</li> <li>- Chardonnay malolactic fermentation completed in barrel. No ML for Viognier</li> <li>- Chardonnay aged 11 months sur lie, bi-monthly batonage. 70% new French oak</li> <li>- Viognier aged 7 months sur lie, bi-monthly batonage. 15% new French oak.</li> <li>- Barrel lots racked prior to bottling</li> </ul>	
<b>Tasting Notes</b>	Alluring floral and licorice aromatics combine with the sweet scent of crushed blackberries to introduce this wine. Finely-knit tannins support a rich, full-bodied mid-palate of crème de cassis, European dark chocolate, espresso, and exotic allspice.	A robust bouquet of spice and dark chocolate give subtle hints to the decadent layers of red and black fruits on the palate. Ripe black berries and dried orange peel highlight intriguing minerality for this varietal. Cherry and espresso linger on the finish.	Introduced by sweet spice, perfumed violets, and wild berries, the palate unfolds with black cherries and a rich dark chocolate core. Approachable in its youth, this Merlot will age gracefully for 5–8 years.	Aromas of Fiji apple, ripe fig and lemon citrus mingle with stone fruit and delicate hints of mineral and flint. A gracefully styled finish with notes of toasted hazelnuts and crème brûlée.	Floral and honey-suckle aromas open to juicy ripe nectarine, peach and apricot flavors. Ripe and full mouth-feel with a refreshing balance of minerality and acidity.