

## RECENT ACCOLADES



In this Issue, you will find a pair of exceptional wines that dare you to drink them in their immodestly precocious youth. Indeed, the ❀❀❀ Darioush 2004 is so lush and deep, so fulfilling even now that most of us will be tempted to drink it sooner than later. Yet, the real beauty and the complex nuances of Cabernet Sauvignon do not show themselves until the wine has entered its second decade.

### **2004 Darioush SIGNATURE CABERNET SAUVIGNON**

**Rated 95** ❀❀❀ An exceptional wine. Worth a special search of the market.

Darioush Khaledi has proven to be the master of the rich, fleshy, full-bodied style, and once again, his winery delivers a bottling with a virtually unrivalled combination of intensity, drama and hedonistic pleasure. In its youth, the wine is at once both open and brooding, and its invitingly sensual aromas and flavors, while seeming to ask for early enjoyment, are far from fully developed.

\$74.00

### **2004 Darioush SIGNATURE MERLOT**

**RATED 93** ❀❀❀ A highly distinctive wine.

The winery hallmarks of generous oak, unabashed ripeness and high extract are fully apparent here, but it is voluptuous, keenly defined fruit that moves the wine to the head of the class. Richly appointed with ripe cherries and laced with sweet, creme brulee qualities from first to last, it never crosses into overripeness and maintains remarkable balance given its out-and-out opulence.

\$44.00