



1999 Darioush Estate Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley

Release Date	Spring 2003
Vineyard Location	Napa Valley 80% Darioush Estate 10% Stag's Leap District 10% Rutherford Bench
The 1999 Growing Season	A mild winter with above average rainfall led to an early bud break, a warm summer with cool nights and an early harvest. A beautiful growing year.
Varietal Composition	85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Merlot, 10 % Cabernet Franc
Brix @ Harvest	24.5°
Alcohol	13.9%
Cooperage	100% French Oak from Chateau Ferre; Central France: Alliers, Troncais and Nevers Forests, Medium Toast
Vinification	Small lot, destemming, with 30% whole berry. Cold soaking for 36-48 hours in small fermentors. Pumped over through primary fermentation until completion. 7-20 days post alcoholic fermentation maceration. Pressed fraction kept separate. Pumped into barrels after 48 hours of settling. Aged 22 months in French Oak with barrel to barrel racking. Bottled with minimal handling.
Food Affinities	An excellent accompaniment to any pasta dish, savory risotto, lamb, pork, beef, veal, and poultry – especially when brown/wine sauces and fresh herbs are included in the recipe.
Winemaker's Comments	A classically styled Bordeaux blend with an intense bouquet of cocoa, spicy earth, coffee and just a hint of green tea. Flavors of blackcurrant, ripe blackberries and subtle toasty notes from French Oak aging support the soft but rich tannins. A pleasant, sophisticated Napa Valley wine ready to drink now or to cellar for future enjoyment.