



2001 Darioush Signature Shiraz Napa Valley

Release Date Spring 2004

Vineyard Location 100% Napa Valley

The 2001 Growing Season The 2001 harvest was early, lighter in quantity and of very high quality. These lower yields and the long even growing season allowed the fruit to gain more concentrated flavors. The cool fall weather that followed helped the grapes develop balanced flavors and full varietal maturity.

Varietal Composition 100% Shiraz

Brix @ Harvest 25°

Alcohol 14.5%

Cooperage 100% French Oak - Francois Ferre, Siruge, Damy
Alliers, Troncais – Medium Toast

Vinification Small lot, destemming, with 30% whole berry. Cold soaking for 36-48 hours. Pressed at dryness with fractions kept separate. Pumped into barrels after 48 hours of settling. Barrel to barrel racking twice through aging. Bottled without filtration. Blended with minimal handling.

Winemaker's Comments Deep scents of violets, aromatic herbs, bittersweet chocolate and espresso bean end in a delicious spicy black pepper edge. A lush core of deep blueberry is dramatically layered with rich, blackberry notes ending in a long creamy silk finish. Youthful, concentrated and delicious upon release, the heady richness and powerful structure of the 2001 Signature Shiraz invites cellaring over the next decade.
750 cases produced.