



THE DUELING LION AND BULL is a symbol of harmony and seasonal transition during the Persian New Year, No Ruz, the representation of two powerful and opposing forces as they embrace as one on the vernal equinox each spring. Nature's grace and brute in accord with one another. An apt metaphor for the duality expressed here between Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz.

DUEL DISTINCTION

Grown in four designated blocks on the Darioush estate, Duel is the idyllic marriage of two distinguished varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz. The finished wine offers unique attributes of both varieties; a rich chocolate core and earthy minerality is lent by Cabernet Sauvignon, while Shiraz reveals its inherent exotic spice and ripe red fruit. Approachable in its youth, Duel will continue to age superbly for several years.

TASTING NOTES

Enticing aromas of blueberry, mocha dust and dark red plum introduce this alluring wine. Raspberry flavors mingle with coffee bean and cassis on a round, and supple, mid-palate. Finely integrated tannins support a long and lingering finish, accented by delicate hints of white pepper, cinnamon and clove.

VINTAGE 2004

COMPOSITION 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Shiraz

COOPERAGE Aged 20 months in 50% new *François Frères* and *Damy* French oak barrels from Tronçais

RELEASE PRICE \$38.00

PRODUCTION 383 cases

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