



DARIOUSH

SIGNATURE RUSSIAN RIVER PINOT NOIR
2005 VINTAGE

DARIOUSH DISTINCTION

The highly acclaimed neighborhood off Vine Hill Road in Russian River is home to the four-acre Darioush estate Pinot Noir vineyard. Two thousand and five yielded keenly defined, well-balanced fruit. A portion of the berries were fermented as whole clusters, a Burgundian tradition, to reveal a finished wine with great character, complexity and poise.

TASTING NOTES

Enticing perfumes of violet, lavender and cola nut layered with wild black cherry and raspberry open to a firm and concentrated mid-palate—revealing accents of smoked bacon, tea leaf and anise. A smoky, seductive finish of black licorice and currant is complemented by notes of cinnamon stick and clove.

VINIFICATION

- ~ Meticulous attention to detail in vineyard and cellar
- ~ Hand-harvested into small 28 lb. baskets
- ~ Whole berries were hand-sorted and pressed with 15 % whole clusters
- ~ Fermented in open top tanks; Malolactic fermentation completed in barrel
- ~ Aged 15 months new François Frères burgundy cooperage medium & medium plus toast
- ~ Barrel lots racked prior to bottling
- ~ Unfined and unfiltered

COMPOSITION 100% Pinot Noir

APPELLATION Darioush Vineyards in Russian River

COOPERAGE Aged 15 months in new François Frères French oak barrels from Tronçais

WINEMAKER Steve Devitt

PRODUCTION 425 cases

PRICE \$48.00

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