



*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 two designated blocks on the Darioush estate in Napa Valley and Oak Knoll, Duel is the idyllic marriage of two distinguished varietals: Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz. The finished wine offers unique attributes of both varietals; 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 blackberry, coffee bean and white pepper introduce the 2005 Duel. Brambly red raspberry flavors mingle with tobacco, chocolate truffle and cassis on a round and supple mid-palate. Finely integrated tannins support a long and lingering finish, revealing delicate hints of rose petal, nutmeg and cedar spice.

VINTAGE	2005
COMPOSITION	60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Shiraz
COOPERAGE	Aged 20 months in 50% new <i>François Frères</i> and <i>Damy</i> French oak barrels from Tronçais
WINEMAKER	Steve Devitt
PRODUCTION	900 cases
RELEASE PRICE	\$42.00

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