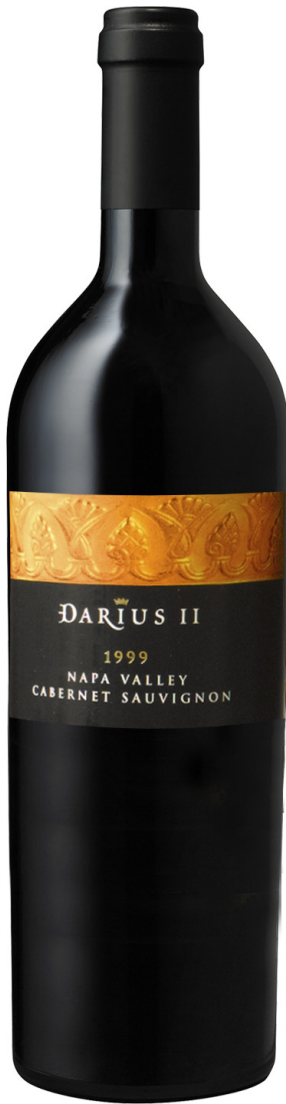


DARIOUSH



1999 Darius II Cabernet Sauvignon

NAPA VALLEY

DARIOUSH DISTINCTION

The Crown Jewel of the Darioush estate, Darius II captures the diverse and exquisite beauty within each vintage. With an uncompromising commitment to crafting a wine with complexity, composure and refinement, Darius II is the hallmark of the Darioush style.

TASTING NOTES

A special wine representing the very best of the Darioush Winery Estate. Culled from the top 1% lots from the Darioush Estate, the 1999 Darius II represents the crown jewel of the spectacular 1999 vintage. This inaugural release of Darius II offers captivating earthy aromatics and flavors of sweet cassis, licorice and cherry-mocha. A distinctive and polished cuvee, the 1999 Darius II Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is approachable now, yet the balance and complex graceful finish suggests at least a decade of longevity

VINIFICATION

Small lots, hand-sorted, destemmed with 30%-40% whole berry. Cold soaked for 4 days. Pumped over through primary fermentation until completion. 30 days post alcoholic fermentation maceration. Pressed wine fraction kept separate. Pumped into barrels after 48 hours of settling and inoculation for malolactic fermentation. Barrel to barrel racking twice the first year - 3 times in second year. Bottled without fining or filtration.

VINOUS

“At once more vibrant and more restrained than the Darioush example, with its sexy combination of dark fruits, mocha, coffee and underbrush nicely framed by acidity and leavened by a harmonious herbal element. A slightly inky medicinal quality contributes to the impression of clarity and energy.” - Steve Tanzer

COMPOSITION

78% Cabernet Sauvignon,
20% Merlot,
2% Cabernet Franc

APPELLATION

Darioush Estate Vineyards
Sage Vineyard - Mount Veeder

WINEMAKER

Steve Devitt

AVAILABILITY

840 cases

