



*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

Crème de cassis, cola nut and sweet blackberry aromas comprise a fragrant introduction to 2006 Duel. The wines rich, supple and earthy core is enveloped by decadently layered flavors of bittersweet chocolate and dark French roast. Undertones of nutmeg and cedar are revealed in the long, polished finish.

VINTAGE	2006
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	2,688 cases
RELEASE PRICE	\$45.00

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