



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 from 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. This unique blend offers up distinct attributes from each—a rich chocolate core and earthy minerality is lent by Cabernet Sauvignon, while Shiraz reveals its inherent exotic spice and ripe berry fruits. Duel is approachable in its youth but will continue to age superbly for several years.

TASTING NOTES

Earthy aromas of dried orange peel, oolong tea and brown sugar mingle with plush blackberry, expressing the ideal measure of Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon embodied by 2008 Duel. Cinnamon and boysenberry preserves punctuate the supple core of bittersweet chocolate and ground espresso while the finish suggests subtle black pepper, sandalwood and spiced chai.

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| VINTAGE | 2008 |
| 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 |
| AVAILABILITY | 986 cases |
| RELEASE PRICE | \$48.00 |



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