



DARIOUSH

SIGNATURE RUSSIAN RIVER CHARDONNAY
2005 VINTAGE

DARIOUSH DISTINCTION

Elegance and style is what Darioush sought out for the first vintage of 2005 Signature Russian River Chardonnay. The chalky soils and cool climate of our Russian River vineyard allows the Chardonnay clusters to ripen slowly and completely, revealing concentrated flavors of bright citrus and stone fruits. The finished wine offers great character and poise with an expressive balance of acidity and minerality.

TASTING NOTES

Vivid aromas of clementine, apple and crisp pear open into a fresh and lively mouthfeel of juicy nectarine, lime blossom and silky lemon meringue. A crisp, lean and focused palate is gently enhanced by premier Damy and Francois Freres cooperage, giving this wine an exquisite, long finish accented by nutmeg and clove.

VINIFICATION

- ~ Meticulous attention to detail in vineyard and cellar
- ~ Hand-harvested into small 28 lb. baskets
- ~ Hand-sorted and whole cluster pressed
- ~ Malolactic fermentation completed in barrel
- ~ Aged 11 months sur-lie with bi-monthly batonage
- ~ Barrel lots racked prior to bottling

FOOD AFFINITIES

Enjoy now through 2011. A great companion for Hog Island Oysters on the Half Shell, seared Bay Scallops in Brown Butter Reduction, and Maryland Crab Crakes with Mango Salsa.

COMPOSITION 100% Chardonnay

APPELLATION Darioush Vineyards in Russian River

COOPERAGE Aged 11 months in 70% new French oak, Burgundy cooperage

WINEMAKER Steve Devitt

PRODUCTION 430 cases

PRICE \$48.00

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