



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 varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz. This unique blend offers a rich chocolate core and earthy minerality lent by Cabernet Sauvignon, with exotic spice and ripe berry fruits inherently found in Darioush Shiraz.

TASTING NOTES

Ushered in by a potpourri of spices and vibrant, dark fruits – it's no surprise that 2009 Duel is the first vintage to feature Shiraz as the predominant element of the final blend. Look for juicy black cherries and boysenberries balanced by earthy, cinnamon and allspice notes.

VINTAGE	2009
COMPOSITION	65% Shiraz, 35% Cabernet Sauvignon
COOPERAGE	Aged 20 months in 50% new French oak barrels
WINEMAKER	Steve Devitt
AVAILABILITY	986 cases
RELEASE PRICE	\$55.00



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