

DARIOUSH

Darius II Cabernet Sauvignon

2011 VINTAGE ~ 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

From an uncharacteristically cool vintage, this elegantly complex and graceful wine rewarded patience and scrupulous selectivity in the vineyard and cellar. The final wine possesses dark, concentrated blackberry elements and savory, wild sage and herb notes. With a more feminine and lush profile than the similarly cool 2005 and 2000 vintages, the wine delivers its trademark treasure of rich bittersweet cocoa and earthbound flavors, as well as classic Mt. Veeder aromatics of licorice and blueberry.

THE LABEL

With a delicate floral motif evoking the Persian garden, the 16th-century artwork chosen for 2011 Darius II hails from an Iznik tilework, a distinguished ceramic craft that flourished under the Ottoman Empire. Cultivated garden spaces emerged in ancient Persia in the 6th century BC, their sense of balance, alignment and symmetry serving as an earthly symbol of the heavenly world. It is believed that by walking through the garden, enlightenment and gratitude, transformation and renewal will be granted to you. A fitting metaphor for the elevated flavors and noble complexity of the 2011 vintage.

COMPOSITION 80% Cabernet Sauvignon,
20% Merlot

VINEYARDS Sage Vineyard – Mt Veeder
Apadana Block – Darioush Estate

COOPERAGE Aged 20 months in 100% new Taransaud
Chateau Traditional French oak barrels

WINEMAKER Steve Devitt

AVAILABILITY 22 barrels

PRICE \$225.00

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