

Signature Shiraz



DARIOUSH DISTINCTION

Crafted to showcase the remarkable dynamism, complexity, structure and age-worthiness of this ancient varietal, Darioush Signature Shiraz displays the density and concentration characteristic of wines grown in our southern Napa Valley estate vineyards.

TASTING NOTES

Exceptional depth of fruit and flavor intensity is characteristic of wines from the 2012 vintage, and our Signature Shiraz is no exception. Pronounced notes of black cherry, blueberry and sandalwood mingle with anise and white pepper on the nose. This fruit complexity broadens on the palate with blackberry jam and licorice deftly balanced with hints of baker's cocoa, espresso and sweet oak. The wine's exquisite sense of proportion connotes careful vinification techniques, and its supple tannins and lingering finish will reward extended cellaring.

VINIFICATION

With meticulous attention to detail in the vineyard and cellar, 2012 Signature Shiraz was hand-harvested into small 28 lb. baskets and hand sorted twice, before and after de-stemming. Cold soaking for four days in a combination of open top and traditional tanks, with gentle pump overs and extended maceration during fermentation allowed for optimal color extraction and tannin management. The wine was aged in new Siruge, Damy and François Frères French Oak barrels for 18 months.

COMPOSITION 100% Shiraz
 APPELLATION Darioush Estate Vineyards in
 Napa Valley and Oak Knoll

WINEMAKER Steve Devitt
 AVAILABILITY 1,920 cases
 PRICE \$74.00

