



DARIOUSH

SIGNATURE RUSSIAN RIVER PINOT NOIR
2012 VINTAGE

DARIOUSH DISTINCTION

Our Signature Pinot Noir comes from a small Russian River Valley vineyard that features the highly regarded “Gold Ridge” soils common to this region. This prime, dry-farmed locale yields a multi-layered wine with complex flavors and keenly defined structure. In the old world tradition, we whole-berry ferment a significant portion of the grapes in open top tanks, a technique that accentuates the fruit component yet also encourages spicy aromatics.

TASTING NOTES

Fragrant, spicy notes of cinnamon, clove and potpourri interwoven with strawberry and dried orange peel define this wine’s complex and sensuous bouquet. The palate is silky yet powerful, with ripe strawberry and dried cherries paving the way for lavender, dried sage, black tea and vanilla notes. There’s an underlying grace to this young wine, and a fine balance of fruit, oak and tannin that will enable it to evolve and deepen over time.

VINIFICATION

With meticulous attention to detail in the vineyard and cellar, 2012 Signature Pinot Noir was hand-harvested into small 28 lb. baskets and hand sorted, then pressed with 15% whole clusters. Primary fermentation began in traditional open top tanks, with malolactic fermentation completed in barrel. The wine was aged for 15 months in new François Frères burgundy cooperage, medium and medium plus toast. Barrel lots were racked prior to bottling. This wine is unfiltered and unfiltered.

COMPOSITION 100% Pinot Noir

APPELLATION Russian River Valley

WINEMAKER Steve Devitt

RECOMMENDATIONS Cellar and enjoy 2015-2020

AVAILABILITY 713 cases

PRICE \$65

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