

Signature Merlot



DARIOUSH DISTINCTION

The depth of aromatic complexity of Darioush Merlot is a function of our three estate vineyards and meticulous farming practices. Equally sourced from our estates located in the Mount Veeder, Oak Knoll and southern Napa Valley appellations, the unique soils and microclimates of these vineyards naturally restrict, concentrate and ripen this noble Bordeaux varietal.

TASTING NOTES

The wine is packed with juicy dark fruit and aromatic notes of chai tea, cinnamon, fennel and bittersweet cocoa. The broad and generous palate features sweet black plum, dried blueberry, anise and intriguing woody notes of fresh tobacco, smoke and spice. A rather atypical Merlot showcasing impressive concentration, structure and persistence of flavors. Ages gracefully for a decade.

VINIFICATION

Hand-harvested at night into 28 lb baskets to insure cold, whole cluster fruit and to preserve aromatic complexities. Hand-sorted twice, both before and after de-stemming to ensure clean and consistent fruit quality. Fermented in traditional closed top fermenters, including cold soaking for 4 days, with gentle pump-overs for optimal color extraction and tannin management. Aged 20 months in a combination of French oak barrels, with minimal barrel-to-barrel racking. With meticulous attention to detail in the vineyard and cellar, the wine was minimally handled through bottling.

COMPOSITION 90% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon,
5% Cabernet Franc

WINEMAKER Steve Devitt

AVAILABILITY 2,540 cases

PRICE \$50.00

APPELLATION Darioush Estate Vineyards, Napa Valley,
Oak Knoll, Mt. Veeder

