



**THE DUELING LION AND BULL** is a symbol of harmony and seasonal transition during the Persian New Year, NowRuz, 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 combines the deeply satisfying fruit and earthy minerality of Cabernet Sauvignon with the zesty spice and fresh berry fruits inherently found in Darioush Shiraz.

### TASTING NOTES

The cooler-than-average growing season in 2011 gave way to a Duel blend that features higher portions of Shiraz than Cabernet Sauvignon. The resulting wine offers bright, plush fruits with a spicy complexity and more substance and finesse than the previous release. 2011 Duel opens with succulent red fruits-- raspberry and plum, balanced by subtle notes of dark espresso and bittersweet chocolate. A familiar thread of allspice, cinnamon and cardamom weaves through the palate and prolongs the enjoyable finish.

VINTAGE	2011
COMPOSITION	70% Shiraz 30% Cabernet Sauvignon
COOPERAGE	Aged 20 months in 50% new French oak barrels
WINEMAKER	Steve Devitt
AVAILABILITY	1,250 cases
RELEASE PRICE	\$55.00



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