

## Signature Cabernet Franc



## DARIOUSH DISTINCTION

The unique terroir of our rocky, higher elevation Mount Veeder estate combines a cool marine influenced climate with exceptional sun exposure to naturally develop the distinct and concentrated flavors of earth, spice and blueberry that are native to Cabernet Franc. This classic Bordeaux varietal possesses great power and poise, and contributes great intensity of flavor and earth-oriented elements to our Signature Cabernet Sauvignon each year.

## TASTING NOTES

A powerful wine from a classic vintage, this Cabernet Franc leads with notes of blueberry and plum joined by spiced notes of garam masala, black tea and pencil lead. Concentrated blackberry flavors dominate a firm and muscular palate, revealing the wine's mountain-grown roots. Darioush Cabernet Franc gains additional varietal complexity and sophistication in the glass, finishing with a profile of bittersweet cocoa, cedar and mocha. This vintage truly demonstrates the remarkable varietal potential of Cabernet Franc.

## 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 22 months in a combination of 70% new French oak barrels, with minimal barrel-to-barrel racking. Meticulous attention to detail in the vineyard and cellar, the wine was minimally handled through bottling.

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

APPELLATION Darioush Estate, Mt. Veeder  
and Oak Knoll

WINEMAKER Steve Devitt

AVAILABILITY 1,416 cases

PRICE \$62.00

