

2013 VINTAGE - NAPA VALLEY

DARIOUSH

Signature Chardonnay



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Vintage after vintage, the cooler climates of Darioush's southern Napa Valley estate and renowned Chardonnay vineyards of Los Carneros produce progressive wines with an equal balance of precision and richness.

TASTING NOTES

A gentle and idyllic growing season yielded a Chardonnay that eloquently expresses a beautiful balance of fruit, ripeness and refreshing acidity. Vivid and aromatic notes of nectarine, green apple and citrus blossom lead to sleek and refined flavors of stone fruit and guava with a mineral quality in the lingering finish. The oak is beautifully integrated and broadens the wine with hazelnut and crème brûlée notes. This wine shows both dynamism and richness - a hallmark of both the 2013 vintage and Darioush's commitment to compelling and complex varietal flavors in our Signature Chardonnay.

VINIFICATION

Hand harvest at night into small 28 lb. baskets to insure cold fruit, then hand-sorted and whole cluster pressed. Barrel aged sur-lie for 11 months in 66% new Siruge, Damy and Francois Freres French oak barrels with weekly batonage; 100% Malolactic fermentation. Barrel lots were racked once prior to bottling, with minimal handling. The wine was bottled unfinned and unfiltered.

COMPOSITION 100% Chardonnay
APPELLATION Darioush Estate Vineyards in
Napa Valley, Mt. Veeder, Oak Knoll
and Los Carneros

WINEMAKER Steve Devitt
AVAILABILITY 2,705 cases
PRICE Limited Library Release

