

Darius II



DARIOUSH DISTINCTION

The Crown Jewel of the Darioush estate, Darius II captures the diverse and exquisite beauty within each vintage. With an uncompromising commitment to crafting a wine with complexity, composure and refinement, Darius II is the hallmark of the Darioush style.

TASTING NOTES

The 2012 vintage was exceptionally consistent and warm, enabling higher-elevation, maritime-influenced vineyards such as our Mount Veeder estate to fully express their utmost in complexity, power and seamlessness. At 95% Cabernet Sauvignon, the 2012 Darius II exhibits brilliant varietal aromatics of wild blueberry, black cherry and ground espresso, offering up dense and persistent layers of saturated dark fruits with savory notes of sage, bitter cocoa and anise. A cellar-worthy treasure.

THE LABEL

Derived from a 14th C. AD painted tile, the art adorning 2012 Darius II highlights the evolution of ancient decorative art and architecture. Its infinite shapes and lively color are reminiscent of the ornament of the First Persian Empire, where elaborate palaces throughout the city of Persepolis were decorated in prominent blues, reds, blacks and yellows on glazed tiles. The pyramidal pattern pays further homage to the grand Ziggurats of the 3rd millennium BC, which housed intricate temples for kings and deities. Over the passage of time these design elements flourished, influencing great works from the geometric limestone tomb of Cyrus the Great to Moorish architecture of the Alhambra. Exuding vibrancy and texture, this work fittingly represents 2012 Darius II, a wine deeply rooted in both culture and craft.

COMPOSITION	95% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Merlot	WINEMAKER	Steve Devitt
APPELLATION	Sage Vineyard - Mt Veeder Apadana Block - Darioush Estate	PRICE	\$275.00
COOPERAGE	Aged 20 months in 100% new Taransaud Chateau Traditional French oak barrels		

