

2013 VINTAGE - NAPA VALLEY



Duel Shiraz/Cabernet Sauvignon



THE DUELING LION AND BULL

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 are in accord with one another, an apt metaphor for the duality expressed here between Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz.

Duel Distinction

Grown from two distinct blocks on the Darioush estate in Napa Valley and the Oak Knoll AVA, 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 inherent to Darioush Shiraz.

TASTING NOTES

2013 Duel opens with top notes of dried orange peel, blackberry jam and ground cinnamon, lent by Shiraz, the lion's share of the blend. Hailing from vineyards on the valley floor, Duel is round and supple on the palate and accessible in its youth - it's a heady, full-bodied wine - Cabernet Sauvignon lends a tangle of black fruits and dried herbs on the palate and a long, sweet tobacco finish.

COMPOSITION 65% Shiraz, 35% Cabernet Sauvignon
APPELLATION Darioush Estate in Napa Valley,
and Oak Knoll

WINEMAKER Steve Devitt
AVAILABILITY 1,722 cases
PRICE Limited Library Release

