

## Signature Shiraz



## DARIOUSH DISTINCTION

Crafted to showcase the remarkable dynamism, complexity, structure and age-worthiness of this variety, Darioush Signature Shiraz displays the density and concentration characteristic of wines grown from our Southern Napa Valley estate vineyards in the Oak Knoll and Napa Valley appellations.

## TASTING NOTES

The long, even and temperate 2013 growing season yielded wines with exceptional quality. This full-bodied Signature Shiraz is equally expressive in aroma and on the palate, exhibiting red and black fruits, exotic spices and smoke. Opened by aromas of blueberry, tart blackberries, pepper jam and fig; the rich and textured palate confirms pomegranate, anise, dusty bittersweet chocolate and ground espresso. Retaining the inherent spicy Shiraz character, the finish reveals white pepper and clove. 2013 Signature Shiraz exhibits flavor complexity and finely integrated tannin; and is suited for aging 10+ years.

## VINIFICATION

With meticulous attention to detail in the vineyard and cellar, 2013 Signature Shiraz was hand-harvested into small 28 lb. baskets and hand sorted twice, before and after de-stemming. Cold soaking for four days in a combination of open top and traditional tanks, with gentle pump overs and extended maceration during fermentation allowed for optimal color extraction and tannin management. The wine was aged in new Siruge, Damy and François Frères French Oak barrels for 18 months.

COMPOSITION	100% Shiraz	WINEMAKER	Steve Devitt
APPELLATION	Darioush Estate Vineyards in Napa Valley and Oak Knoll	AVAILABILITY	2,046 cases
		PRICE	\$74.00

