

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 black fruits that are native to Cabernet Franc. This classic Bordeaux varietal possesses both power and poise, and contributes great intensity of flavor and earth-oriented elements to our Signature Cabernet Sauvignon each year.

TASTING NOTES

Another powerful wine from a hallmark vintage, 2013 Cabernet Franc opens with bright blueberry, blackberry and plum notes enhanced by spicy hints of chai tea, cedar and cigar smoke. The wine is firm in structure, complex in flavor and hits the palate with an elegant density of fruit - all hallmarks of our mountain-side estate. True to the varietal, the wine balances concentrated, dark bramble fruits with savory earth tones of bittersweet cocoa, sage and spice box with hints of lead pencil and toasty graham cracker on the finish.

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	84% Cabernet Franc, 11% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon	WINEMAKER	Steve Devitt
APPELLATION	Darioush Estate, Mt. Veeder and Oak Knoll	AVAILABILITY	1,577 cases
		PRICE	\$62.00

