

Signature Cabernet Sauvignon



DARIOUSH DISTINCTION

Inspired by the power and grace exhibited in the great wines of Bordeaux, the Cabernet Sauvignon from Darioush's cooler-climate southern Napa Valley vineyards exhibits extraordinary depth, character and poise. Now in their second decade, these estate vineyards in the Mount Veeder, Napa Valley and Oak Knoll AVAs have hit their stride, producing fruit with splendid concentration and power, compelling freshness and graceful complexity.

TASTING NOTES

The textbook 2013 vintage allowed Winemaker Steve Devitt to weave together a Cabernet Sauvignon that balances highly aromatic, well-delineated Mount Veeder fruit with saturated flavors, polish and poise lent by our valley floor estates. Generous and concentrated on the palate, this dynamic wine delivers its signature of savory blueberry and blackberry fruit, freshly ground espresso and aromas of anise, dried sage and cigar-box. A satisfyingly persistent finish of dark fruits unfolds to reveal notes of graphite, toasted hazelnut and seamless, finely-knit tannins.

VINIFICATION

Meticulous attention to detail in vineyard and minimal cellar handling. Hand-harvested into small 28 lb. baskets. Hand-sorted twice, before and after de-stemming. Fermentation includes cold soaking for 4 days in traditional fermenters with gentle pump-overs for optimal color extraction and tannin management. Aged 22 months in 85% new Chateau Traditional French oak barrels. Barrel lots were racked 23 times per year for clarity.

COMPOSITION 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Merlot,
3% Cabernet Franc, 3% Malbec,
2% Petit Verdot

APPELLATION Darioush Estate in Napa Valley,
Mt. Veeder and Oak Knoll and hillside
vineyards throughout Napa Valley

WINEMAKER Steve Devitt

AVAILABILITY 9,155 cases

