

Signature Cabernet Sauvignon



DARIOUSH DISTINCTION

Inspired by the power and grace exhibited in the great wines of Bordeaux, Darioush's cooler-climate, southern Napa Valley vineyards produce wines with extraordinary depth, character and poise. Now in their 15th vintage, these mature estate vines have hit their stride, producing fruit with splendid concentration, compelling freshness and admirable balance.

TASTING NOTES

Captivating aromas of anise, espresso, dried herbs and orange peel introduce the 2011 Signature Cabernet Sauvignon. Sumptuous and savory blackberry, dark cherry and fig are revealed during decanting, with notes of bittersweet cocoa, black olive and nutmeg adding intrigue and complexity. The vintage exhibits a beautiful composure, with both depth of flavor and ripe, refined tannins that leave one wanting more.

VINIFICATION

Meticulous attention to detail in vineyard and minimal cellar handling. Hand-harvested into small 28 lb. baskets. Handsorted 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. Barrel lots were racked 23 times per year for clarity.

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"Sanguine and brooding in dense layers of juicy black fruit, leather and tobacco, this is classic Napa Valley Cabernet with an elegance at its core, that's also seamless, complex and age-worthy. From relatively cooler sites in Oak Knoll and Mount Veeder, and a cooler year too, this vintage sings for this producer, showing balance and power in equal measure." - VB

COMPOSITION 81% Cabernet Sauvignon,
12% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc,
3% Malbec

APPELLATION Darioush Estate, Mt. Veeder
and Oak Knoll, Napa Valley

WINEMAKER Steve Devitt

AVAILABILITY 7,811 cases

PRICE Limited Library Release

