

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 Cabernet Franc's inherently earthbound, spice and black fruit flavors. This classic Bordeaux varietal possesses both power and poise, and contributes layered, uplifting fruit and concentrated earthen flavors to our Signature Cabernet Sauvignon each year.

TASTING NOTES

Impressing upon us its hallmark characteristics of blackberry, cocoa and spice box aromatics, 2014 Signature Cabernet Franc's luscious blueberry, plum, cassis and cola flavors are complemented by an earthy core of finely ground espresso and oolong tea. Adding depth and intrigue, notes of dried sage and leather intermingle with exotic hints of star anise and cigar smoke. A persistent finish enhanced by refined tannins make this expressive Cabernet Franc a noble example of the variety hailing from the Mount Veeder AVA.

VINIFICATION

With meticulous attention to detail, Darioush Signature Cabernet Franc is farmed and hand-harvested into small 28 lb. baskets, clusters and berries are hand-sorted twice, before and after de-stemming. Fermented in traditional closed top fermenters, including cold soaking for 4 days, with gentle pump-overs for optimal color extraction and tannin management. The wine was aged 22 months in a combination of 70% new French oak barrels, with minimal barrel-to-barrel racking.

COMPOSITION	86% Cabernet Franc, 6% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Petit Verdot	WINEMAKER	Steve Devitt
APPELLATION	Darioush Estate, Mt. Veeder and Oak Knoll	AVAILABILITY	1,056 cases
		PRICE	\$65.00

