

2014 VINTAGE - NAPA VALLEY



Caravan



CARAVAN STORY

Caravan shares the pedigree of Darioush's Signature wines, but displays more ripe, saturated fruit with an elegantly textured finish. Caravan is anchored in Cabernet Sauvignon with lesser amounts of Merlot, Cabernet Franc and/or Malbec added for depth and complexity of flavor.

TASTING NOTES

A classically-styled round, supple and sleek red blend - 2014 Caravan is the first vintage to highlight higher proportions of Merlot. The resulting profile is ripe and decadent with palate-pleasing notes of juicy plum, raspberry and flourless chocolate cake. Cabernet Sauvignon, the lion's share of the blend, adds layers of complexity and an ideal balance between sweet and savory elements. Its supple yet firm and polished tannin is complemented by dark, spicy notes of black currant and cinnamon; Caravan has a youthful energy that would reward several years of aging.

VINIFICATION

With meticulous attention to detail, Caravan is hand-harvested, clusters are hand-sorted before de-stemming then berry sorted to insure uniformity. The grapes were cold soaked for 4 days, then fermented in small closed topped tanks, with gentle pump-overs for optimal color extraction and tannin management. The wine was aged for 20 months, in a combination of 70% new French and European oak barrels. The wine was minimally handled through bottling.

COMPOSITION 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 28% Merlot,
10% Malbec, 2% Petit Verdot

WINEMAKER Steve Devitt

APPELLATION Napa Valley

PRICE \$48.00

