

# DARIOUSH



## 2016 Darioush Signature Chardonnay

NAPA VALLEY

### DARIOUSH DISTINCTION

The hallmark of Darioush Signature Chardonnay is its progressive style of integrating precision, richness, and complexity. Grown from the winery estate and renowned Chardonnay vineyards of Los Carneros, these cooler Southern Napa Valley climes exhibit quintessential varietal characteristics while preserving inherent freshness and vibrancy.

### TASTING NOTES

Signature Chardonnay shows remarkable harmony and balance in its youth, characteristic of the finest examples of this noble variety. From its alluring aromatic entry to its persistent mineral-laden finish, the 2016 vintage shows impressive symmetry and delineation. Honeycrisp apple and Bosc pear flavors are energized by clean, bright layers of fleshy citrus and stony minerality. Our cellar regimen of French oak fermentation and sur-lie aging lends additional complexity with hints of baking spice, toasted brioche, and hazelnuts; while gentle racking preserves the wine's integrity and nuance without fining or filtration.

### VINIFICATION

Hand-harvested at night to retain freshness, then whole cluster pressed. Barrel aged sur-lie for 11 months in 66% new Siruge, Damy and Francois Freres French oak barrels with weekly batonage; 100% Malolactic fermentation. Barrel lots were racked once prior to bottling, with minimal handling.

#### COMPOSITION

100% Chardonnay

#### APPELLATION

Darioush Estate Vineyards  
Sage Vineyard - Mt. Veeder  
Oak Knoll  
Los Carneros

#### WINEMAKER

Steve Devitt

#### AVAILABILITY

1,692 cases

#### PRICE

\$48 / bottle, 750ml  
\$576 / 12-bottle case

