

DARIOUSH



2015 Darioush Signature Cabernet Franc

NAPA VALLEY

DARIOUSH DISTINCTION

The unique terroir of our rocky, higher elevation Mount Veeder estate combines a cool, marine-influenced microclimate 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

2015 was a shy-bearing vintage overall, which further amplified the inherent depth and concentration of our mountain grown Cabernet Franc. Intensity is a hallmark of the vintage. Signature Cabernet Franc exhibits a dense, yet aromatic core of ripe black and blue fruits tangled with juicy plum, cassis, spice box and savory dried sage; a result of naturally reduced clusters per vine and a long, temperate growing season. Earthbound elements of steeped black tea, cola, and anise persist on the palate adding intrigue, though it's the cascading finish and ripe, fine, dusty tannin that nod at the cellar-worthiness of 2015 Signature Cabernet Franc.

VINIFICATION

With meticulous attention to detail, Darioush Signature Cabernet Franc is 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

84% Cabernet Franc,
10% Cabernet Sauvignon,
4% Merlot,
2% Malbec

APPELLATION

Darioush Estate Vineyards
Sage Vineyard - Mount Veeder
Oak Knoll

WINEMAKER

Steve Devitt

AVAILABILITY

960 cases

PRICE

\$68/ bottle, 750ml
\$816 / 12-bottle case

