

DARIOUSH



2015 Darioush Signature Merlot

NAPA VALLEY

DARIOUSH DISTINCTION

Aromatic complexity and typicity is the hallmark of Darioush Signature Merlot. Our meticulous vineyard practices, the unique microclimates and soils from our Southern Napa Valley vineyards atop Mount Veeder and on the Valley floor naturally restrict, concentrate and carefully ripen this noble Bordeaux variety to coax a plush yet focused wine.

TASTING NOTES

A classic expression of Merlot, the 2015 shows remarkable depth and concentration in its youth, a merit of this shy-bearing vintage. Impressive in its amplitude, polish, and finesse, 2015 Signature Merlot's supple mouthfeel shows layers of juicy black and blueberry joined with dense savory and spice elements which gain depth and linger on the palate. Cola and dusty mocha are complemented by layers of white pepper, anise, and vanilla bean; while underlying firm, fine-grained tannins reveal its textural polish and capacity for longer term aging.

VINIFICATION

Meticulous attention to detail in the vineyard and minimal cellar handling. Hand-harvested and sorted 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. Aged 20 months in 70% new Chateau Traditional French oak barrels. Barrel lots were racked 2-3 times per year for clarity.

WINE SPECTATOR ON PREVIOUS VINTAGES

"Impressive for the plush texture and complex, well-focused structure." | 2012 vintage | Rated 92

"Tightly wound, with a well-built core of lively acidity and tannins." | 2013 vintage

COMPOSITION

94% Merlot,
3% Cabernet Sauvignon,
3% Malbec

APPELLATION

Darioush Estate Vineyards
Napa Valley & Oak Knoll AVA
Sage Vineyard – Mount Veeder

WINEMAKER

Steve Devitt

AVAILABILITY

1,329 cases

PRICE

\$58 / bottle, 750ml
\$696 / 12-bottle case

