

# DARIOUSH



## 2016 Duel | Shiraz / Cabernet Sauvignon

NAPA VALLEY

### DARIOUSH DISTINCTION

Duel is the idyllic marriage of two distinguished varietals: Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz. This unique blend seeks to harmonize the deeply satisfying fruit and earthy minerality of Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz's vibrant berry plushness and exotic spice. Each offering of Duel varies in blend proportions, and seeks to achieve balance, and conjure oneness from bright and dark elements alike.

### TASTING NOTES

With remarkably lush and generous fruit, 2016 Duel opens with crushed blackberries, currants and crème de cassis accented by notes of graphite and licorice. While dense and full-bodied on the palate, the wine delivers its trademark earthiness and spice with notes of acacia wood, black peppercorn and dried herbs lifting from the glass. Neatly framed, and with plenty firm, ripe tannins on offer— 2016 Duel's energetic profile will continue to excite for several years to come.

### VINIFICATION

The Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz destined for Duel was hand-harvested into small 28 lb. baskets, clusters and berries were sorted twice, before and after de-stemming. Cold soaking for four days in a combination of open top and traditional tanks, with gentle pump overs and extended maceration during fermentation allowed for optimal color extraction and tannin management. The wine was aged for 20 months in 50% new, 50% seasoned French oak barrels.

#### COMPOSITION

60% Shiraz,  
40% Cabernet Sauvignon

#### APPELLATION

Darioush Estate Vineyards  
Napa Valley  
Oak Knoll

#### WINEMAKER

Steve Devitt

#### AVAILABILITY

1,300 cases

#### PRICE

\$60 / bottle, 750ml  
\$720 / 12-bottle case

