

DARIOUSH



2016 Darioush Signature Cabernet Franc

NAPA VALLEY

DARIOUSH DISTINCTION

The unique terroir of our rocky, higher elevation Mount Veeder estate combines a cool, marine-influenced climate with exceptional sun exposure to naturally develop Cabernet Franc's inherently earthbound, spice and black fruit flavors. In 2016, a small contribution of Atlas Peak sourced fruit adds aromatic intensity. This classic Bordeaux variety possesses both power and poise, and contributes layered, uplifting fruit and concentrated earthen flavors to our Signature Cabernet Sauvignon each year.

TASTING NOTES

From a textbook vintage, weather-wise, 2016 Signature Cabernet Franc shows its predominantly mountainside origins, opening with savory and lingering aromas of crushed boysenberries, blueberries and Kirsch accented by earthen notes of dry loam, lead pencil shavings, and cigar box. Steeped black tea, anise and underbrush create for a savory interplay on the taut, medium to full-bodied palate packed with black and blue fruits. Each sip is framed by firm, finely-grained tannins – a lively backbone to support its great length, depth, and age-worthiness.

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

75% Cabernet Franc,
12% Merlot,
11% Cabernet Sauvignon,
2% Petit Verdot

APPELLATION

Darioush Estate Vineyards:
Mount Veeder,
Oak Knoll;
Atlas Peak

WINEMAKER

Steve Devitt

AVAILABILITY

1584 cases

PRICE

\$75/ bottle, 750ml
\$900 / 12-bottle case

