

# DARIOUSH



## 2016 Darioush Signature Cabernet Sauvignon NAPA VALLEY

### DARIOUSH DISTINCTION

The hallmark of Darioush Signature Cabernet Sauvignon is its seamlessness, the result of decades of meticulous vineyard management of our cooler climate, Southern Napa Valley sites. Our estate vineyards in the Mount Veeder and Napa Valley AVA's have hit their stride, producing fruit with splendid concentration, compelling freshness, and graceful complexity. The final composition strikes a tightrope balance of youthful energy, structure, and restraint; our flagship wine rewards with extraordinary depth and poise.

### TASTING NOTES

Exceptional density and composure, with brilliant focus, are hallmarks of the 2016 vintage. With a vibrant array of dark fruits and intriguing spices, Signature Cabernet Sauvignon unfolds with layer upon layer of juicy blackberry, wild blueberry, cedar and lead pencil with savory notes of cured bacon, sage and star anise. Texturally complex, with plenty of poignancy and largesse, 2016 Signature Cabernet Sauvignon is a wine to reward the most patient of collectors.

### 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 22 months in 85% new Chateau Traditional French oak barrels. Barrel lots were racked 2-3 times per year for clarity.

### ROBERT PARKER WINE ADVOCATE | RATED 96+

*"The deep garnet-purple colored 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon reveals a total rock star on the nose, cranking out beautifully boisterous notes of crème de cassis, preserved plums, warm blueberries and Black Forest cake with hints of menthol, mocha, baking spices, star anise and unsmoked cigars. Full-bodied, rich and flamboyantly fruited in the mouth, the palate features a solid frame of super ripe, finely grained tannins and oodles of freshness, finishing very long and very spicy."*

#### COMPOSITION

83% Cabernet Sauvignon,  
7% Cabernet Franc,  
6% Merlot, 2% Malbec,  
2% Petit Verdot

#### APPELLATION

Darioush Estate Vineyards  
Sage Vineyard - Mount Veeder  
and hillside vineyards  
throughout Napa Valley

#### WINEMAKER

Steve Devitt

#### AVAILABILITY

7,216 cases

#### PRICE

\$108 / bottle, 750ml  
\$1,296 / 12-bottle case

