

DARIOUSH



2015 Darioush Signature Malbec

NAPA VALLEY

DARIOUSH DISTINCTION

Through decades of experimentation, we have refined our craft of blending exemplary lots from dynamic vineyard sites selected to complement our core Southern Napa Valley estate vineyards on Mount Veeder, in Oak Knoll and south of Stag's Leap. When assembling the 2015 blends, the virtues of old-vine Malbec grown from our Oak Knoll estate and by our partner Larkmead Vineyards were too numerous to count, compelling us to craft Signature Malbec, a rare, solitary pursuit.

TASTING NOTES

Effusively aromatic, 2015 Signature Malbec opens with bountiful lush dark cherry, black raspberry, cinnamon and pie spice. Its remarkable balance and completeness reward the discerning palate. A delightful interplay of earth-driven notes—licorice, saddle leather, freshly ground espresso and dusty cocoa provides remarkable depth and density. A very modest contribution of Merlot adds plushness and length, with bright cherry fruit and plum on offer. With its fine tannins and soft edges, this youthful, vibrant Malbec offers plenty of upside; enjoy now or after several years in the cellar.

VINIFICATION

With meticulous attention to detail, Darioush Signature Malbec is hand-harvested, clusters and berries are hand-sorted twice, before and after de-stemming. Fermentation in traditional closed top fermenters, including cold soaking for 4 days, with gentle pump-overs for optimal color extraction and tannin management. Aged 20 months, with barrel-to-barrel racking, in a combination of 70% new French oak barrels. Our cellar regimen prescribes minimal intervention.

COMPOSITION

97% Malbec,
3% Merlot

APPELLATION

Darioush Estate Vineyards
Oak Knoll
Larkmead Vineyard - Calistoga

WINEMAKER

Steve Devitt

AVAILABILITY

330 cases

PRICE

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