



COMPOSITION 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 19% Petit Verdot, 4% Merlot. 2% Malbec

APPELLATION Napa Valley

COOPERAGE Aged 22 months 70% new French oak, medium toast Bordeaux barrels

WINEMAKER Steve Devitt

PRODUCTION 6000 cases

Release Price \$35.00



## CARAVAN STORY

Caravan Cabernet Sauvignon has achieved its own unique style since its inception in 2001. The wine is an assemblage of two main components: 1.) an estate vineyard producing wines with more fruit and roundness than typically targeted for Darioush 'Signature' wines; 2.) Cabernet Sauvignon / Merlot / Cabernet Franc components from the estate and Mount Veeder remaining after the Signature Cabernet blend is achieved.

## TASTING NOTES

Juicy flavors of ripe berries, cherries and plum mingle with hints of cola, chocolate and coffee. Abundant Petit Verdot lends a violet floral note while Malbec adds a juicy blueberry finish. This Cabernet is youthful but approachable with a soft palate and lingering finish.

## VINIFICATION

- Meticulous attention to detail and minimal handling
- Hand-harvested into small 28 lb baskets
- Hand-sorted twice, before and after de-stemming
- Cold soaked for 72 hours in small closed top fermenters
- Pumped over three times per day, pressed and racked to barrels
- Each barrel lot was racked 2-3 times per year for clarity

## FOOD AFFINITIES

Dress it up with roast lamb or filet mignon. Dress it down with roast chicken or shish-kebabs. This is a versatile wine that will pair well with savory, salty, and mild-spiced dishes.

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