



DARIOUSH

2005 SIGNATURE SAUVIGNON BLANC NAPA VALLEY

WINE NOTES

This vivacious, lively wine owes a great deal to serendipity. Our winemaker, Steve Devitt, happened to pluck a grape from a Sauvignon Blanc vine in the Ashley Vineyard early last fall and was awestruck by its remarkable flavors. The happy result is our 2005 Signature Sauvignon Blanc—our very first bottling of this classic varietal.

Aromas of ripe honeydew melon, tangy citrus fruit and vanilla bean waft from the glass, setting the stage perfectly for the vibrant tropical guava and sun-kissed white peach flavors that follow. Nuances of wet stone and minerals add complexity to the bright fruit character of this elegant wine. Beautifully balanced and full, with a crisp, refreshing finish, our Sauvignon Blanc dances on the palate.

VINIFICATION

Each lot was carefully hand-harvested and sorted for quality at the winery. The whole clusters were then gently pressed and racked directly to three-year seasoned Bordeaux barrels for primary fermentation. The barrel lots were racked twice for clarity and evaluated prior to bottling to highlight specific vineyard nuances in the final blend.

FOOD AFFINITIES

Darioush Signature Sauvignon Blanc is a very food-friendly wine and terrific with fish based appetizers such as sweet coconut fried prawns with mango or shellfish.

APPELLATION

Ashley Vineyard, Oak Knoll, Napa Valley

VINTAGE

2005

COMPOSITION

100% Sauvignon Blanc

COOPERAGE

Fermented and aged for 6 months in French Bordeaux 3-year seasoned oak barrels sourced from the Tronçais forest in France

WINEMAKER

Steve Devitt

RELEASE DATE

July 2006

RELEASE PRICE

\$26.00

AVAILABILITY

80 cases