

## Signature Cabernet Sauvignon



### DARIOUSH DISTINCTION

Inspired by the power and grace exhibited in the great wines of Bordeaux, Darioush Signature Cabernet Sauvignon exemplifies how the cooler-climate vineyards of southern Napa Valley produce wines with extraordinary depth, character and poise. 2008 was the first vintage to benefit from a greater proportion of fruit grown from our Sage Vineyard Estate atop Mt. Veeder.

### TASTING NOTES

Blessed by a warmer than average harvest, small berry sizes and significantly lower yields, wines from the 2008 vintage offer great concentration of flavor, color and texture. Endowed with a sturdy core of earth, espresso and dark chocolate balanced by vibrant black fruits and savory layers of lavender and sage, the 2008 Signature Cabernet Sauvignon achieves both complexity and poise. We admire this wine for its dynamism and potential to outshine its siblings, while clearly maintaining the 'Signature' of this estate.

### 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 23 times per year for clarity.

COMPOSITION	85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc, 4% Malbec,
APPELLATION	Darioush Estate Vineyards in Mt. Veeder, Oak Knoll and Napa Valley

WINEMAKER	Steve Devitt
PRICE	Limited Library Release

