



2000 Darioush Signature Chardonnay Napa Valley

Release Date	Spring 2002
Vineyard Location	100% Napa Valley
The 2000 Growing Season	A colder than average winter gave way to a cool spring. A cool summer led to a late harvest with additional grape hang time, adding to varietal complexity.
Varietal Composition	100% Chardonnay
Brix @ Harvest	24.5°
Alcohol	14.0%
Cooperage	100% French Oak from Burgundy, France Medium toast
Vinification	Whole cluster pressing to small barrels for primary fermentation. Topped when dry and inoculated for malolactic fermentation. Aged <i>sur-lies</i> for 11 months and bottled without fining or filtration.
Food Affinities	Roasted or braised poultry and meats - Chicken, Salmon, Roast Veal Chop with Baby Potatoes, and Pork Loin. A lovely accompaniment to shellfish and mildly spiced dishes.
Winemaker's Comments	Elegant, Burgundian style. Ripe and full with flavors of crisp green apple, hazelnut, mineral and bright citrus. A fine wine enjoyable now and several years into the future. 900 cases produced.