



1999 Darioush Signature Chardonnay Napa Valley

Release Date	Spring 2001	
Vineyard Location	Napa Valley	100% Napa Appellation
The 1999 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.	
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. 1450 cases produced.	