



# 1998 Darioush Signature Chardonnay Napa Valley

Release Date	Spring 2000	
Vineyard Location	Napa Valley	100% Napa Appellation
The 1998 Growing Season	Above average rainfall, followed by a mild winter with an early bud break. 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	13.9%	
Cooperage	100% French Oak	
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, Veal Shank and Pork Loin. A lovely accompaniment to shellfish and mildly spiced dishes.	
Winemaker's Comments	Elegant, Burgundian style. Aromatic bouquet of pear, fig, and apple with seductive flavors of citrus, nutmeg and hazelnuts. A lovely wine to be enjoyed now and into the future.	