

Signature Cabernet Sauvignon



Darioush Distinction

Inspired by the power and grace exhibited in the great wines of Bordeaux, Darioush's cooler-climate vineyards of southern Napa Valley produce wines with extraordinary depth, character and poise. The 2009 Signature Cabernet Sauvignon is influenced by higher portions of Malbec, Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon from our Sage Vineyard atop Mount Veeder.

Tasting Notes

The saturated flavors and textural quality of the 2009 vintage are a direct result of an idyllic, moderate growing season, enabling Darioush's 'signature' combination of finesse and concentration. Vivid flavors of licorice, black cherry and mocha are wrapped in a sleek, savory package of sage and French lavender. Succulent, fully-developed tannins support a long finish with a lifted, fruit quality we can only describe as energetic and age-worthy.

Vinification

Meticulous attention to detail in vineyard and minimal cellar handling. Hand-harvested into small 28 lb. baskets. Hand-sorted twice, before and after de-stemming. Fermentation includes cold soaking for 4 days in a combination of opened top and traditional fermenters, with gentle pump-overs and extended maceration for optimal color extraction and tannin management. Barrel lots were racked 2-3 times per year for clarity.

COMPOSITION 78% Cabernet Sauvignon,
10% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc,
7% Malbec

WINEMAKER Steve Devitt

AVAILABILITY Limited Library Release

APPELLATION Darioush Estate in Napa Valley,
Mt. Veeder and Oak Knoll and
hillside vineyards throughout
Napa Valley

