

Signature Shiraz



DARIOUSH DISTINCTION

Crafted to balance the fruit complexity, structure and age worthiness of this ancient varietal, Darioush Signature Shiraz continues to demonstrate the remarkable potential of our cool vineyard site in Southern Napa Valley. Grown from a combination of both old-vine Australian Shiraz and Northern Rhone clones, the finished wine stays true to its inherently spicy and seductive spirit.

TASTING NOTES

Alluring aromas of blueberry, dried orange peel and crème de menthe introduce this bold and seductive 2008 Signature Shiraz. The warm, low-yielding vintage encouraged ripe and rich dark fruit flavors, reminiscent of boysenberry pie, balanced by earthy notes of bittersweet cocoa, coffee and tobacco. A fine tannin structure and exceptionally long finish reveals lovely notes of sweet clove, vanilla, cedar and spice.

VINIFICATION

With meticulous attention to detail, Darioush Signature Shiraz is farmed and hand-harvested into small 28 lb. baskets, clusters and berries are sorted twice, before and after de-stemming. Cold soaking for four days in a combination of open top and traditional tanks, with gentle pump overs and extended maceration during fermentation allowed for optimal color extraction and tannin management. The wine was aged in new Siruge, Damy and François Frères French Oak barrels for 18 months.

COMPOSITION	100% Shiraz	WINEMAKER	Steve Devitt
APPELLATION	Darioush Estate Vineyards in Napa Valley and Oak Knoll	PRICE	\$100.00

