



# 1999 Darioush Signature Shiraz Napa Valley

Release Date	Spring 2002
Vineyard Location	100% Napa Valley
The 1999 Growing Season	A mild winter with above average rainfall led to an early bud break, a warm summer with cool nights and an early harvest. A beautiful growing year.
Varietal Composition	100% Shiraz
Brix @ Harvest	25°
Alcohol	13.9%
Cooperage	100% French Oak - Francois Ferre, Siruge, Damy Alliers, Troncais – Medium Toast
Vinification	Small lot, destemming, with 30% whole berry. Cold soaking for 36-48 hours. Punched down through primary fermentation until completion. Pressed at dryness with fraction kept separate. Pumped into barrels after 48 hours of settling. Barrel to barrel racking twice through aging. Bottled without filtration. Minimal handling.
Food Affinities	A marvelous, bold companion to aged NY sirloin, hearty beef stews, leg of lamb or any savory game dish.
Winemaker's Comments	A powerful, full-bodied wine. Characterized by a luscious deep crimson color, with fruit-forward flavors of ripe blackberry, juicy black raspberry and mocha with just a hint of vanillin. Drinkable now and can develop for an additional 5 – 10 years. <b>250 cases produced.</b>