



DARIOUSH

2005 SIGNATURE VIOGNIER NAPA VALLEY

WINE NOTES

Year after year, Darioush Signature Viognier is described with accolades such as 'vibrant,' 'floral,' and 'seductive' from a growing number of devoted followers. This single-vineyard estate-grown Viognier derives its consistently distinctive character from a four-acre site within our Ashley Vineyard. One of our most popular wines, it is available for only a few months every summer.

Citrus blossom, jasmine and honeysuckle aromas leap from the glass, distinguishing the unique qualities of this varietal right away. The flavors remind us of biting into a ripe August peach - bright, vibrant, juicy and succulent - with just the right amount of creamy pear and lemon-citrus acidity to keep it refreshing and balanced on the palate. Notes of wildflower honey, toasted walnut and vanilla add further complexity and intrigue.

VINIFICATION

The whole clusters were gently pressed and racked directly to three-year seasoned barrels for primary fermentation. The wine was aged sur-lies for 7 months and then bottled with minimal handling.

FOOD AFFINITIES

The Darioush 2005 Signature Viognier is a lovely wine to drink as an apéritif, but is also a superb accompaniment to steamed lobster with drawn butter, oysters on the half shell, sautéed sea scallops, sushi, roasted poultry or any spicy Asian dish.

APPELLATION

Ashley Estate Vineyard in Oak Knoll, Napa Valley

VINTAGE

2005

COMPOSITION

100% Viognier

COOPERAGE

Aged for 7 months in French Burgundian 3-year seasoned oak barrels sourced from the Tronçais forest in France

WINEMAKER

Steve Devitt

RELEASE DATE

June 2006

RELEASE PRICE

\$34.00

AVAILABILITY

1386 cases