

# DARIOUSH



## 2012 Darioush Signature Cabernet Franc

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### DARIOUSH DISTINCTION

The unique terroir of our rocky, higher elevation Mount Veeder estate combines a cool, marine-influenced climate with exceptional sun exposure to naturally develop Cabernet Franc's inherently earthbound, spice and black fruit flavors. This classic Bordeaux variety possesses both power and poise, and contributes layered, uplifting fruit and concentrated earthen flavors to our Signature Cabernet Sauvignon each year.

### TASTING NOTES

A powerful wine from a classic vintage, this Cabernet Franc leads with notes of blueberry and plum joined by spiced notes of garam masala, black tea and pencil lead. Concentrated blackberry flavors dominate a firm and muscular palate, revealing the wine's mountain-grown roots. Darioush Cabernet Franc gains additional varietal complexity and sophistication in the glass, finishing with a profile of bittersweet cocoa, cedar and mocha. This vintage truly demonstrates the remarkable varietal potential of Cabernet Franc.

### VINIFICATION

Hand-harvested at night into 28 lb baskets to insure cold, whole cluster fruit and to preserve aromatic complexities. Hand-sorted twice, both before and after de-stemming to ensure clean and consistent fruit quality. Fermented in traditional closed top fermenters, including cold soaking for 4 days, with gentle pump-overs for optimal color extraction and tannin management. Aged 22 months in a combination of 70% new French oak barrels, with minimal barrel-to-barrel racking. Meticulous attention to detail in the vineyard and cellar, the wine was minimally handled through bottling.

#### COMPOSITION

90% Cabernet Franc,  
5% Merlot,  
5% Cabernet Sauvignon

#### APPELLATION

Darioush Estate Vineyards:  
Mount Veeder,  
Oak Knoll

#### WINEMAKER

Steve Devitt

#### AVAILABILITY

Limited Library  
Release

