

DARIOUSH



2006 Darioush Signature Shiraz

NAPA VALLEY

DARIOUSH DISTINCTION

Crafted to balance the complexity, structure and age-worthiness of this ancient varietal, Darioush Signature Shiraz continues to demonstrate the remarkable potential of this varietal in Southern Napa Valley. Grown on vines cloned from 50% old-vine Australian Shiraz and 50% Northern Rhone Syrah, the finished wine stays true to its inherently spicy and seductive spirit.

TASTING NOTES

Introduced by alluring fragrances of blackberry, orange zest and white pepper, the 2006 Signature Shiraz shows remarkable ripeness and concentration. Layers of black licorice, bittersweet chocolate and finely aged tobacco are intricately woven together with wellintegrated tannins, endless dark fruits and a long finish of espresso.

VINIFICATION

Hand-harvested at night into 28 lb baskets to ensure cold, whole clusters and preserve aromatic complexities. Hand-sorted twice, both before and after de-stemming for 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 20 months in a combination of French oak barrels, with minimal barrel-to-barrel racking. With meticulous attention to detail in the vineyard and cellar, the wine was minimally handled through bottling.

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"We fully confess to being quite impressed by this absolutely opulent Syrah, and its amazing richness and fruity depth are compensation enough for its excesses. It is an immense wine..."

COMPOSITION
100% Shiraz

APPELLATION
Dariosh Estate Vineyards
Napa Valley & Oak Knoll AVA
Sage Vineyard – Mount Veeder

WINEMAKER
Steve Devitt

AVAILABILITY
Limited Library
Release

