

DARIOUSH



2016 Darioush Signature Sauvignon Blanc

NAPA VALLEY

DARIOUSH DISTINCTION

Our latest release of Sage Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc is sourced from three small blocks nestled between 1800-2100 feet on our Mount Veeder vineyard estate. Mount Veeder is the most temperate of the mountainside Napa Valley AVA's. Cool pockets are common at high elevations - a result of the marine influence of San Pablo Bay, moderate sun exposure and varied topography. These microclimates provide the ideal conditions for gradual ripening and flavor development.

TASTING NOTES

Signature Sauvignon Blanc shows remarkable brightness, purity and refinement. In 2016, Sauvignon Blanc was picked in three separate passes to craft a wine with precision, capturing its inherent freshness and vibrancy. Lithe in stance, 2016 Signature Sauvignon Blanc opens with sweet pea, freesia and grapefruit. Bright, flavorful citrus and stone fruits anchor the palate - kumquat, white peach and apricot are complemented by delicate herbal notes. A delightful interplay of texture adds intrigue and dimensionality—the refreshing and persistent flinty minerality is balanced with a subtle lemon meringue-like creaminess.

VINIFICATION

Receiving meticulous attention in the vineyard throughout the growing season, Sauvignon Blanc was hand-harvested in three passes in August and September 2016 for optimal ripeness. The grapes were hand-sorted and whole cluster pressed, then cool fermented and aged in a combination of 80% neutral and 20% new French oak barrels for 6 months. Minimal handling in the cellar, barrel lots racked prior to bottling.

COMPOSITION

100% Sauvignon Blanc

APPELLATION

Darioush Estate Vineyard
Sage Vineyard - Mount Veeder

WINEMAKER

Steve Devitt

AVAILABILITY

410 cases

PRICE

\$48 / bottle, 750ml
\$576 / 12-bottle case

