

# DARIOUSH



## 2018 Darioush Signature Sauvignon Blanc

MOUNT VEEDER

### 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, its southernmost location, the marine influence of the nearby San Pablo Bay, moderate sun exposure and varied topography result in cool pockets at high elevations. These microclimates provide the ideal conditions for gradual ripening and flavor development; Signature Sauvignon Blanc shows remarkable brightness, purity and refinement.

### TASTING NOTES

Benefitting from a long, gentle growing season, 2018 Sauvignon Blanc preserves the inherent vivacity and freshness of this poised variety. Opening with terrific fruit intensity— aromas of Asian pear, lychee and quince set the stage for an entourage of bright citrus. On the palate, tangy grapefruit, orange blossom and lemon curd combine with delicate mineral layers and flora— wet slate, limestone, and freesia. The wine is beautifully weighted and opulent yet offers a refreshing line of acidity to support its immense stature. Hints of dried herbs, white pepper and baking spice punctuate the lengthy finish.

### VINIFICATION

This mountain-grown Sauvignon Blanc ripened evenly and completely, then was hand-harvested in two separate passes on September 19th and October 1st for optimal flavor and freshness. The grapes were hand-sorted and whole cluster pressed, then cool fermented and aged in a combination of 85% neutral and 15% new French oak barrels for 6 months. Minimal handling in the cellar; barrel lots were racked prior to bottling.

#### COMPOSITION

100% Sauvignon Blanc

#### APPELLATION

Darioush Estate Vineyard  
Sage Vineyard - Mount Veeder

#### WINEMAKER

Steve Devitt

#### AVAILABILITY

415 cases

