DARIOUSH

2017 Darioush Signature Pinot Noir
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

DARIOUSH DISTINCTION

Signature Pinot Noir is a vineyard-driven wine sourced since 2003 from a small, unique parcel in one of the most cherished micro-regions in the Russian River Valley. Ideally suited for Pinot Noir, the predominant soil type is Goldridge, derived from an ancient inland sea that slowly emptied into the Pacific Ocean. Its excellent drainage and low soil fertility allow us to create a balanced vineyard ecosystem yielding exceptional, high-quality fruit without irrigation. The vineyard's gently sloping southeastern exposure combined with 35+ year vine age yield poised, complex and age-worthy wines.

TASTING NOTES

Opening with scents of lilac, violet and dried orange peel, Darioush Signature Pinot Noir reveals its core of dark cherry fruit, dusty earth, and Earl Grey tea. The wine has impeccable seamlessness and elegance throughout, with a complex and persistent finish of wild thyme and warm baking spices, trademarks of the varietal and this remarkable coastal site. A standout varietal for the 2017 vintage, the wine should continue to evolve and improve over the next decade.

VINIFICATION

The warm 2017 growing season in Sonoma's Russian River Valley was moderated by cool temperatures from evening to early morning, allowing for slow, even ripening and peak flavor development. With meticulous attention to detail in the vineyard and cellar, Pinot Noir was hand-harvested by mid-September, hand-sorted, and pressed with 15% whole clusters. Primary fermentation began in traditional open top tanks, a technique that accentuates the fruit component yet also encourages spicy aromatics. Malolactic fermentation was completed in barrel. The wine was aged for 15 months in new François Frères Burgundy cooperage. Barrel lots were racked once, and the wine was bottled without fining or filtration.

COMPOSITION	APPELLATION	WINEMAKER	AVAILABILITY	PRICE
100% Pinot Noir	Russian River Valley	Steve Devitt	925 cases	$74 / bottle, 750ml $888 / 12-bottle case