

DARIOUSH



2018 Darioush Signature Pinot Noir

NAPA 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

Sharp focus, with lively aromas and brilliant depth of flavor are hallmarks of the seamless 2018 Signature Pinot Noir. Opening with a vibrant mix of herb-tinged berries and earthbound complexity— strawberry and tangy cranberry scents commingle with dried violets, orange peel, spicy licorice and rhubarb. The silky, medium-bodied palate is framed by undulating layers of bright berry fruits, fresh-tilled earth and spicy amaro-like accents. The wine is persistent with savory-herbal notions of wild thyme, cedar and baking spices supporting a long, fresh and lively finish.

VINIFICATION

Heavy rains in February and late flowering and bud-break set the stage for a long, and even-keeled 2018 growing season in Sonoma's Russian River Valley. Cooling temperatures from evening to early morning allowed for slow, even ripening and peak flavor development on the vine. With meticulous attention to detail in the vineyard and cellar, Pinot Noir was hand-harvested from the 20th to the 24th of 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
100% Pinot Noir

APPELLATION
Russian River Valley

WINEMAKER
Hope Goldie

VITICULTURALIST
Steve Devitt

AVAILABILITY
1,130 cases

