

DARIOUSH



2018 Duel | Cabernet Sauvignon / Shiraz

NAPA VALLEY

THE DUELING LION AND BULL

A symbol of harmony and seasonal transition during the Persian New Year, NowRuz, the representation of two powerful and opposing forces as they embrace as one on the vernal equinox each spring. Nature's grace and brute are in accord with one another, an apt metaphor for the duality expressed here between these two distinguished varietals.

DUEL DISTINCTION

Duel is the idyllic marriage of two distinguished varietals: Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz. This unique blend varies year to year, seeking to harmonize the deep satisfying fruit and earthy minerality of Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz's vibrance, plushness, and exotic spices. Duel is a wine with style, soul, and substance.

TASTING NOTES

Crushed blackberry, fig, and crème de cassis feature prominently, with notions of graphite and licorice throughout this remarkably lush blend. Shiraz adds its trademark allspice, pepper, and incense as well as an enchanting, exotic smokiness to the 2018 Duel's lush and generous fruit. The tannins are ripe, firm, and complement the wine's density of flavor— an attractive combination that will continue to excite and reward enthusiasts for several years to come.

COMPOSITION

70% Cabernet Sauvignon
30% Shiraz

APPELLATION

Darioush Estate Vineyards in
Napa Valley and Oak Knoll

WINEMAKER

Hope Goldie

VITICULTURALIST

Steve Devitt

AVAILABILITY

1,900 cases

