

DARIOUSH



2017 Duel | Shiraz / Petit Verdot

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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 an experimental winemaking endeavor dedicated to the belief that unexpected blends can be more compelling than solitary pursuits. The 2017 vintage is a first-time blend that harmonizes the inherently dark fruit and exotic spice of Shiraz with the satisfying freshness and fruit density of Petit Verdot. Each offering of Duel varies in composition, to highlight the vintage's intensity and conjure oneness from dark and bright elements alike.

TASTING NOTES

Tantalizing aromas of lilac, lavender and savory blackberry jam make way for this exceptionally fruited, full-bodied wine experience. On entry, plush flavors of black cherry, plum and crème de cassis are steadied by licorice and dried herb notes. This multi-dimensional wine exhibits layer upon layer of saturated dark fruits, earth, and spice. A youthful blend, framed by ripe tannins, 2017 Duel promises to impress for several years to come.

COMPOSITION

66% Shiraz
35% Petit Verdot

APPELLATION

Darioush Estate Vineyards
Napa Valley
Oak Knoll

WINEMAKER

Steve Devitt

AVAILABILITY

988 cases

