

# DARIOUSH



## 2013 Darioush Hillside Cabernet Sauvignon

NAPA VALLEY

### STORY

Our limited series Hillside Cabernet Sauvignon is the fortuitous result of experimental winemaking endeavors throughout the varied topography of Napa Valley's southernmost growing region, Mount Veeder. Evidenced in our dedication to farming our Sage estate perched at 1800 feet, Mount Veeder is an AVA we deeply admire. The most temperate of the Napa Valley hillside appellations, it's cool marine-influence lent by the nearby San Pablo Bay, moderate sun exposure, ancient soil composition and high elevation all combine to support gradual ripening and flavor development in the Bordeaux varieties destined for Darioush Signature Cabernet Sauvignon and Darius II.

### TASTING NOTES

Rich and decadently fruited, 2013 Hillside Cabernet Sauvignon is steeped in flavors of juicy blackberry and raspberry with crushed black cherries and savory, fresh earth. The palate is luscious and full-bodied with notions of licorice, menthol, and spicy oak outlining a rich core that exhibits tangy dark berry fruits, baker's chocolate, and smoked meats. A long, spice-laden finish reveals intriguing hints of bay leaf, cedar, cinnamon, and cigar box.

### VINIFICATION

Meticulous attention to detail in the vineyard and minimal cellar handling. Hand-harvested and sorted twice, before and after de-stemming. Fermentation includes cold soaking for 4 days in traditional fermenters with gentle pump-overs for optimal color extraction and tannin management. Aged 22 months in 85% new Chateau Traditional French oak barrels. Barrel lots were racked 2-3 times per year for clarity.

#### COMPOSITION

90% Cabernet Sauvignon  
10% Merlot

#### APPELLATION

Mount Veeder

#### WINEMAKER

Steve Devitt

#### AVAILABILITY

105 cases

#### PRICE

\$125 / bottle, 750ml  
\$1,500 / 12-bottle case

