

DARIOUSH



2018 Darioush Signature Cabernet Franc

NAPA VALLEY

DARIOUSH DISTINCTION

The unique terroir of our rocky, higher-elevation Mount Veeder estate combines a cool, marine-influenced climate with exceptional sun exposure to naturally develop Cabernet Franc's inherently earthbound, spice, and black fruit flavors. Typically blended with Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon to add mouthfeel, length, and herbal characteristics, 2018 Cabernet Franc is a pure, singular expression of this classic Bordeaux variety.

TASTING NOTES

With impeccable stature, depth and age-worthiness, the 2018 Signature Cabernet Franc is a textbook example of the variety with elegant blueberry and black currant fruit in addition to notions of savory herbs, loam, lead pencil, and saddle leather. The tannins are ripe and fine-grained, indicative of the wines Mount Veeder origins. An experience that is slow and memorable, Cabernet Franc's density and richness give light to secondary flavors that rise and expand across the long, persistent finish.

VINIFICATION

With meticulous attention to detail, Darioush Signature Cabernet Franc is hand-harvested into small 28 lb. baskets. Clusters and berries are hand-sorted twice, before and after de-stemming. Fermented in traditional closed top fermenters, including cold soaking for 4 days, with gentle pump-overs for optimal color extraction and tannin management. The wine was aged 22 months in a combination of 70% new French oak barrels, with minimal barrel-to-barrel racking.

COMPOSITION

100% Cabernet Franc

APPELLATION

Darioush Estate Vineyards in
Mount Veeder and Napa Valley,
and Atlas Peak

WINEMAKER

Hope Goldie

VITICULTURALIST

Steve Devitt

AVAILABILITY

1,874 cases

PRICE

\$80 / bottle, 750ml

\$960 / 12-bottle case

