

Signature Malbec



DARIOUSH DISTINCTION

The flagship wines of the Darioush estate are crafted, in part with meticulous barrel lot selection and masterful blending. Lot by lot, each component's merits are carefully considered as a means to enhance the character, nuance and finesse of our Bordeaux-style Cabernet Sauvignon blends. Through decades of experimentation, we have refined our craft of blending exemplary lots from dynamic vineyard sites selected to complement our core Southern Napa Valley estate vineyards on Mount Veeder, in Oak Knoll and south of Stag's Leap. When assembling the 2014 blends, the virtues of old-vine Malbec grown from our Oak Knoll estate and by our partner, Larkmead Vineyards were too numerous to count, compelling us to craft Signature Malbec, a rare, solitary pursuit.

TASTING NOTES

Effusively aromatic, 2014 Signature Malbec opens with bountiful lush dark cherry, black raspberry, cinnamon and pie spice. Its remarkable balance and completeness reward the discerning palate - a delightful interplay of earth-driven notes—licorice, saddle leather, freshly ground espresso and dusty cocoa provides remarkable depth and density. A modest contribution of Petit Verdot adds intensity and length, lingering dark chocolate and a snap of pomegranate seed-like tartness. With its fine tannins and soft edges, this youthful, vibrant Malbec offers plenty of upside; enjoy now or after several years in the cellar.

VINIFICATION

With meticulous attention to detail, Darioush Signature Malbec is hand-harvested, clusters and berries are hand-sorted twice, before and after de-stemming. Fermentation in traditional closed top fermenters, including cold soaking for 4 days, with gentle pump-overs for optimal color extraction and tannin management. Aged 20 months, with barrel-to-barrel racking, in a combination of 70% new French oak barrels. Our cellar regimen prescribes minimal intervention.

COMPOSITION 79% Malbec, 21% Petit Verdot

WINEMAKER Steve Devitt

AVAILABILITY 551 cases

APPELLATION Darioush Estate Vineyard in Oak Knoll and Larkmead Vineyard in Calistoga

PRICE \$68.00

