



THE DUELING LION AND BULL is a symbol of harmony and seasonal transition during the Persian New Year, No Ruz, the representation of two powerful and opposing forces as they embrace as one on the vernal equinox each spring. Nature's grace and brute in accord with one another. An apt metaphor for the duality expressed here between Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz.

DUEL DISTINCTION

Grown from two designated blocks on the Darioush estate in Napa Valley and Oak Knoll, Duel is the idyllic marriage of two distinguished varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz. This unique blend combines the deeply satisfying fruit and earthy minerality of Cabernet Sauvignon with the zesty spice and fresh berry fruits inherently found in Darioush Shiraz.

TASTING NOTES

Expressing flourishes of allspice and licorice that surround the brambly fruit and bittersweet chocolate at the wine's core, 2010 Duel is broadly textured and finely balanced. Enticing flavors of dried plums and boysenberry overlay notes of French roast coffee and a hint of sweet cigar, with a touch of cinnamon and graphite on the finish.

VINTAGE	2010
COMPOSITION	70% Cabernet Sauvignon 30% Shiraz
COOPERAGE	Aged 20 months in 50% new French oak barrels
WINEMAKER	Steve Devitt
AVAILABILITY	546 cases
RELEASE PRICE	\$55.00



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