



COMPOSITION 100% Pinot Noir

APPELLATION Darioush Estate Vineyards
in Russian River

COOPERAGE Aged 15 months in new François
Frères French oak barrels from Tronçais

WINEMAKER Steve Devitt

AVAILABILITY 613 cases

PRICE \$65.00

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SIGNATURE RUSSIAN RIVER PINOT NOIR
2009 VINTAGE

DARIOUSH DISTINCTION

Now in our fifth vintage, Signature Pinot Noir is grown in Russian River along the highly acclaimed 'Gold Ridge' soil series on Vine Hill Road. We are fond of this locale as it yields wines with the keenly defined structure and multi-layered flavor truly representative of the heart of the Russian River Valley appellation. Equally old world in tradition, a large portion of the berries are whole cluster fermented in open top tanks to encourage fruit complexity and spice-oriented aromatics. The cool, consistent 2009 vintage provided just about everything we want for Pinot Noir.

TASTING NOTES

Blessed with fragrant aromas of rose petal, cinnamon and lavender, 2009 Signature Pinot Noir shows a dynamic range continuing with bright strawberry, rhubarb and sweet blueberry flavors. Rather firm and statuesque in comparison to previous vintages, the wines concentration and ripe tannins suggest longevity, while subtle earthy undertones of tobacco, wet stones and incense come through in the prolonged finish.

VINIFICATION

- ~ Meticulous attention to detail and minimal handling
- ~ Hand-harvested into small 28 lb. baskets
- ~ Whole berries were hand-sorted and pressed with 15 % whole clusters
- ~ Fermented in open top tanks; Malolactic fermentation completed in barrel
- ~ Aged 15 months new François Frères burgundy cooperage medium & medium plus toast
- ~ Barrel lots racked prior to bottling
- ~ Unfined and unfiltered

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