



# 2000 Darioush Signature Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley

Release Date	Late Spring 2003	
Vineyard Location	Darioush Winery Estate Vineyard Mt Veeder Appellation	Atlas Peak Oakville
Varietal Composition	85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot, 2 % Cabernet Franc, 1.5% Petit Verdot, 1.5% Malbec	
Brix @ Harvest Average	25.5°	
Alcohol	14.5%	
Cooperage	100% French Oak - Chateau Tradition; Alliers, Troncais, Never, Vosges – Medium Toast	
Vinification	Small lot, destemming, with 30% whole berry. Cold soaking for 4 days. Pumped over through primary fermentation until completion. 21-30 days post alcoholic fermentation maceration. Pressed fraction kept separate. Pumped into barrels after 48 hours of settling. Barrel to barrel racking twice the first year - 3 times in second year. Bottled without filtration. Minimal handling.	
Food Affinities	Grilled sirloin with braised leeks, roasted pork tenderloin, pepper-coated rack of lamb, risotto with smoked duck breast. An excellent accompaniment to blue-veined cheeses and mildly spicy or fusion dishes.	
Winemaker's Comments	This luscious Signature 2000 Cabernet Sauvignon boasts spectacular soaring aromatics of mocha-espresso, blackberries, licorice and cassis with subtle notes of sweet vanillin. Layer after layer of dense, richly concentrated juicy black fruit unfold powerfully yet gently on the palate. Well-balanced acidity and velvety tannin add graceful support to the wine's supple richness and concentration. A wine of extraordinary depth with a long, enduring finish. Best until 2011.	