



# DARIOUSH

SIGNATURE CHARDONNAY  
2009 VINTAGE ~ NAPA VALLEY

## DARIOUSH DISTINCTION

Vintage after vintage, the consistently cool climates of Darioush's Southern Napa Valley estates, and the historically-renowned Chardonnay vineyards of Hudson Ranch, Las Amigas and Muir, conspire to produce wines with character, complexity and classicism. Seamlessly integrated layers of ripe stone fruits, vibrant and energetic citrus and the precision and delicacy offered by mineral tones are hallmarks of our style. Darioush Signature Chardonnays maintain a classic richness with uncommon flavor density, promising further evolution over time.

## TASTING NOTES

The 2009 season, defined by cool, consistent weather, was impeccable for developing Chardonnay's full potential to be bright, concentrated and expansive, while avoiding undue weight. Vibrant key lime, orange blossom and honeysuckle aromas predominate. Upon release, the wine is blessed with an exceptionally graceful and persistent mouthfeel defined by Fuji apple and white peach. Youthful, with a firm mineral structure, the wine shows delicacy and complexity in the finish with notes of hazelnut oil, chalk, and creamy vanilla bean.

## VINIFICATION

- ~ Hand-harvested at night into small 28 lb. baskets to insure cold fruit
- ~ Hand-sorted and whole cluster pressed
- ~ Barrel fermented sur-lie for 11 months with weekly batonage
- ~ Each lot was racked only prior to bottling with minimal handling and no fining.

COMPOSITION 100% Chardonnay

APPELLATION Darioush Estate Vineyards in Napa Valley, Oak Knoll and Carneros

COOPERAGE Aged 11 months in 70% new French oak- Siruge, Damy and Francois Freres Burgundy barrels

WINEMAKER Steve Devitt

AVAILABILITY 1,410 cases

PRICE \$43.00

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