



COMPOSITION 100% Chardonnay

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

COOPERAGE Aged 11 months in 70% new
Siruge, Damy and Francois Freres barrels

WINEMAKER Steve Devitt

AVAILABILITY 1,950 cases

PRICE \$43.00

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SIGNATURE CHARDONNAY

2011 VINTAGE ~ NAPA VALLEY

DARIOUSH DISTINCTION

Vintage after vintage, the cooler climates of Darioush's southern Napa Valley estate and historically renowned Chardonnay vineyards in Los Carneros produce wines with more progressive qualities of precision, richness and seamlessly integrated layers of vibrant citrus, stone fruits and delicate mineral tones.

TASTING NOTES

As with the prior vintage, 2011 Signature Chardonnay was shaped by a cool, slow-ripening season and displays intricate aromatics and rich, persistent flavors. A tempting bouquet mingles lemon blossom and jasmine with citrus, then unfolds intriguing notes of nutmeg and quince. Generous flavors of lemon custard, pears and apples are wrapped in a creamy mouthfeel, while a streak of stony minerality gives the wine zest and complexity. The oak is exceptionally well-integrated, offering spicy qualities that linger on the finish.

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
- ~ Racked once prior to bottling with minimal handling
- ~ Bottled Unfined and Unfiltered

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