



# DARIOUSH

**SIGNATURE CABERNET FRANC**  
2008 VINTAGE ~ NAPA VALLEY

## DARIOUSH DISTINCTION

Grown from our cool vineyard sites in southern Napa Valley, Cabernet Franc develops slowly to reveal vibrant dark fruits, earth and spice. This classic Bordeaux varietal attributes much intensity of fruit and dark, earthy components to our final blend of Signature Cabernet Sauvignon each year. On its own, Cabernet Franc possesses great power with poise.

## TASTING NOTES

Enticing aromas of ripe blueberry, acai and lavender introduce the delightful 2008 Signature Cabernet Franc. A touch of Merlot adds complexity to the full-bodied wine. The round palate is consumed by juicy black cherry, raspberry and cola, balanced by earthy components—tobacco leaf, oolong tea and bittersweet cocoa. Savory herbs, black pepper and graphite are persistent on the long finish.

## VINIFICATION

- ~ Meticulous attention to detail in vineyard and cellar
- ~ Hand-harvested into small 28 lb. baskets
- ~ Hand-sorted twice, before and after de-stemming
- ~ Fermentation includes cold soaking for 4 days, with gentle pump-overs and extended maceration for optimal color extraction and tannin management
- ~ Barrel lots racked 4 times per year for clarity with minimal handling

COMPOSITION 95% Cabernet Franc, 5% Merlot

APPELLATION Darioush Estate Vineyards,  
Napa Valley, Oak Knoll, Mt. Veeder

COOPERAGE Aged 22 months in 70% new French oak  
barrels; 3 year seasoned Tronçais and Allier Forests, Bordeaux

WINEMAKER Steve Devitt

AVAILABILITY 585 cases

PRICE \$58.00

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