



COMPOSITION 90% Cabernet Franc, 5% Merlot,
5% Cabernet Sauvignon

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

COOPERAGE Aged 22 months in 70% new French oak

WINEMAKER Steve Devitt

AVAILABILITY 314 cases

PRICE \$62.00

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SIGNATURE CABERNET FRANC

2010 VINTAGE ~ NAPA VALLEY

DARIOUSH DISTINCTION

Grown from our cool vineyard sites in southern Napa Valley, Cabernet Franc develops slowly to reveal its very distinctive flavors of vibrant dark fruits, earth and spice. This classic Bordeaux varietal contributes intense 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

A dramatically reduced crop in 2010 yielded a Signature Cabernet Franc of flavor, stature and structure— one that will undoubtedly broaden and develop over time. Revealing classic notes of black tea, jasmine and sandalwood, the wine unfolds with juicy flavors of blueberry and black cherry entwined with dusty cocoa, dry sage and dark espresso. There's an appealing muscularity to this vintage, balanced with warm spice notes of cinnamon and clove on the 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

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