

# DARIOUSH



## 2021 Darioush Signature Pinot Noir

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### DARIOUSH DISTINCTION

Signature Pinot Noir is a vineyard-driven wine sourced since 2003 from a small, unique parcel in one of the most cherished micro-regions in the Russian River Valley. Ideally suited for Pinot Noir, the predominant soil type is Goldridge, derived from an ancient inland sea that slowly emptied into the Pacific Ocean. Its excellent drainage and low soil fertility allow us to create a balanced vineyard ecosystem yielding exceptional, high-quality fruit without irrigation. The vineyard's gently sloping southeastern exposure combined with 35+ year vine age yield poised, complex and age-worthy wines.

### TASTING NOTES

Perfumed aromas of fresh strawberry and lilac unfurl from the glass to introduce the 2021 vintage—a pure expression of Pinot Noir fruit with refined flavors of Bing cherry, strawberry, and blood orange. Partial whole-cluster fermentation contributes to the gentle tannins and silky texture while giving a lift and transparency to the floral red fruits. Added dimensions of lavender, fresh basil, and Tahitian vanilla bean round out the finish. Although this is highly enjoyable upon release, if given time in the bottle these flavors will continue to gain complexity and appeal.

### VINIFICATION

Meticulous attention to detail and minimal handling. Hand-harvested in four separate passes between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of September, the fruit was hand-sorted, and pressed with 15% whole clusters. Primary fermentation began in traditional open top tanks, a technique that accentuates flavors, with Malolactic fermentation completed in barrel. The wine was aged for 15 months in 65% new and 35% neutral Burgundy cooperage. Barrel lots were racked once prior to bottling.

COMPOSITION  
100% Pinot Noir

APPELLATION  
Russian River Valley

WINEMAKER  
Hope Goldie

AVAILABILITY  
1,050 cases

