

DARIOUSH



2023 Darioush Signature Merlot

NAPA VALLEY

DARIOUSH DISTINCTION

Aromatic complexity and varietal typicity define Darioush Signature Merlot. Meticulous vineyard practices, paired with the distinctive microclimates and soils of Southern Napa Valley—from Mount Veeder to the valley floor—naturally limit yields and guide even ripening, shaping a wine that is plush in texture yet precise and focused in form.

TASTING NOTES

The 2023 vintage opens with expressive aromatics of lavender, fresh sage, and mineral tones reminiscent of wet stone and graphite. Dark cherry and plum skin are layered with subtle blueberry and cocoa powder, recalling the depth and freshness of a cool, unhurried harvest. On the palate, the wine is fruit-forward and generous, yet light on its feet, with a plush mid-palate shaped by seamlessly integrated oak and hints of cedar. Fine, powdery tannins lend a poised, tactile structure, carrying the wine through a long, graceful finish. Balanced and refined, the 2023 Merlot offers both immediate appeal and the quiet promise of evolution in bottle.

VINIFICATION

Meticulous attention to detail in the vineyard and minimal cellar handling. Hand-harvested, de-stemmed and then fermented in stainless steel tanks. Aged 22 months in 75% new French oak barrels. Barrel lots were racked at least once before bottling.

COMPOSITION

84% Merlot,
16% Malbec

APPELLATION

Darioush Vineyards in
Oak Knoll, Mount Veeder,
and Yountville

WINEMAKER

Hope Goldie

AVAILABILITY

1,200 cases

