



**THE DUELING LION AND BULL** represent two powerful and opposing forces as they embrace on the vernal equinox each Spring during No Ruz, the Persian New Year. Ultimately a symbol of harmony, it is an apt metaphor for the duality expressed here between Sauvignon Blanc and Viognier.

### DUEL DISTINCTION

Grown exclusively from Darioush estate vineyards in Southern Napa Valley and Oak Knoll, Duel is dedicated to the belief unexpected blends can be more compelling than solitary pursuits. Duel is the eccentric marriage of two dynamic varietals: Viognier and Sauvignon Blanc. This unique blend combines the deeply satisfying stone fruit and delicate floral aromatics of Viognier with the litheness and lean acidity of Sauvignon Blanc.

### TASTING NOTES

A wildly expressive nose of guava, tart apple, clove and passion fruit introduce this alluring and dynamic blend. Kaffir lime, kiwi and citrus blossom unfold to an abundant palate of fleshy apricot and lychee, accented by the delightfully crisp acidity of Gravenstein apple and grapefruit. The finish is remarkably long, striking an ideal balance of decadently layered fruits, brilliant acidity and lightly toasted oak.

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| VINTAGE       | 2012  |
| COMPOSITION   | 70% Sauvignon Blanc<br>30% Viognier                             |
| COOPERAGE     | Aged 6 months in 20% new French oak barrels, Burgundy cooperage |
| WINEMAKER     | Steve Devitt  |
| AVAILABILITY  | 658 cases   |
| RELEASE PRICE | \$30.00   |



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