

# DARIOUSH



## 2019 Darioush Signature Malbec

NAPA VALLEY

### DARIOUSH DISTINCTION

In 2019, the virtues of old-vine Malbec grown from our estate vineyards in Mount Veeder and Oak Knoll, along with our partner Larkmead Vineyards in Calistoga compelled us to craft a singular, elegant offering of Darioush Signature Malbec. This is the fourth bottling of Darioush Malbec, following the 2015, 2014 and 2009 vintages.

### TASTING NOTES

The deep purple satin color draws you in while powerful aromas of freshly crushed blackberries and blueberries greet you alongside lifted floral fragrances of lavender and violet. The fresh berry medley is joined with baking spice notes—cinnamon stick, freshly grated nutmeg, and cardamom. 2019 Malbec's juicy texture conveys elegance and seamlessness that belies its richly concentrated varietal fruit. The savory finish is highlighted by hints of rose potpourri, finely cured meats, and peppercorn.

### VINIFICATION

With meticulous attention to detail, Darioush Signature Malbec is hand-harvested, and clusters are hand sorted before de-stemming. Fermentation in traditional closed-top fermenters, including cold soaking for 4 days, with gentle pump-overs for optimal color extraction and tannin management. Aged 20 months, racking twice, in a combination of 75% new French oak barrels. Our cellar regimen prescribes minimal intervention.

#### COMPOSITION

86% Malbec,  
9% Cabernet Sauvignon,  
5% Merlot

#### APPELLATION

Darioush Estate Vineyards  
in Oak Knoll, Mount Veeder and  
Larkmead Vineyard in Calistoga

#### WINEMAKER

Hope Goldie

#### AVAILABILITY

930 cases

