

DARIOUSH



2014 Darioush Signature Cabernet Sauvignon NAPA VALLEY

DARIOUSH DISTINCTION

The hallmark of Darioush Signature Cabernet Sauvignon is its seamlessness, the result of decades of meticulous vineyard management of our cooler climate, Southern Napa Valley sites. Our estate vineyards in the Mount Veeder and Napa Valley AVAs have hit their stride, producing fruit with splendid concentration, compelling freshness and graceful complexity. The final composition strikes a tightrope balance of youthful energy, structure and restraint; our flagship wine rewards with extraordinary depth and poise.

TASTING NOTES

2014 exhibits remarkable balance and freshness lent by the long, temperate growing season overall, and furthered by our cool, marine-influenced Southern Napa vineyard sites. Showing exuberance and plushness on the palate, 2014 Signature Cabernet Sauvignon's power stroke is its density of fruit and delineated character lent by our rugged Mount Veeder site. Impressive on entry, the wine is brimming with dark fruits—black cherry, savory blueberry and cola are wrapped in an earthy ribbon of bittersweet cocoa, espresso and hints of vanilla. The palate is gorgeously textured and lively, revealing sweet herbal notes of anise, dried sage and tobacco. Skillful blending of Bordeaux varieties imparts this Cabernet Sauvignon with a measure of restraint, intended to reward long term aging.

VINIFICATION

Meticulous attention to detail in the vineyard and minimal cellar handling. Hand-harvested and sorted twice, before and after de-stemming. Fermentation includes cold soaking for 4 days in traditional fermenters with gentle pump-overs for optimal color extraction and tannin management. Aged 22 months in 85% new Chateau Traditional French oak barrels. Barrel lots were racked 2-3 times per year for clarity.

"...as usual, Darioush manages to successfully pull off the trick in going right to the brink of being too much of a good thing without going too far...it is, at every stop, a fully expressed varietal working...Allow for at least five years of waiting here, and anticipate that it will improve for ten or more." Connoisseurs Guide to CA Wines | Rated 94

COMPOSITION	APPELLATION	WINEMAKER	AVAILABILITY	PRICE
82% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Merlot, 3% Malbec, 3% Cabernet Franc, 3% Petit Verdot	Darioush Estate Vineyards Sage Vineyard - Mount Veeder and hillside vineyards throughout Napa Valley	Steve Devitt	Limited Library Release	\$125 / bottle, 750ml \$1,500 / 12-bottle case