

# DARIOUSH



## 2009 Darioush Signature Malbec

NAPA VALLEY

### DARIOUSH DISTINCTION

Our Oak Knoll estate has been home to a small parcel of carefully tended Malbec for over twenty years. An essential component of our Signature Cabernet Sauvignon, this Malbec's intriguing flavor profile and beautiful texture has long tempted us to bottle it on its own. With the 2009 vintage we could no longer resist; this exclusive offering of 250 cases will be available for a limited time at the winery.

### TASTING NOTES

The wine opens with tantalizing aromas of sun-ripened berries that lead seamlessly to a rich, broad mouthful of blueberry, acai and dusty raspberry. Notes of graham cracker crust, cedar and sandalwood warm the saturated palate, mingling with hints of cured tobacco and black tea. Decadent and round, this exquisitely-balanced Malbec's sensuous tannins promise near-term pleasure.

**Retasted March 2020:** Now with over a decade of age, 2009 Malbec reveals its secondary, earthbound flavors. Dusty cocoa, cigar and peppercorn with a fine line of salinity weave through the preserved berry flavors and accentuate the wine's inherently spicy qualities of sandalwood and cedar.

### 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 70% new French oak barrels. Barrel lots racked 4 times per year for clarity with minimal handling.

COMPOSITION  
100% Malbec

APPELLATION  
Dariosh Estate Vineyards  
Napa Valley & Oak Knoll AVA

WINEMAKER  
Steve Devitt

AVAILABILITY  
Limited Library  
Release

