



COMPOSITION 100% Chardonnay

APPELLATION Darioush Estate Vineyards in Napa Valley, Mt. Veeder, Oak Knoll and Los Carneros

COOPERAGE Aged 11 months in 70% new Siruge, Damy and Francois Freres barrels

WINEMAKER Steve Devitt

AVAILABILITY 2,350 cases

PRICE Limited Library Release

DARIOUSH

SIGNATURE CHARDONNAY

2012 VINTAGE ~ NAPA VALLEY

DARIOUSH DISTINCTION

Vintage after vintage, the cooler climates of Darioush's southern Napa Valley estate and renowned Chardonnay vineyards of Los Carneros produce progressive wines with an equal balance of precision and richness.

TASTING NOTES

The first vintage to showcase a small portion of fruit from our Mount Veeder estate, our 2012 offering exudes all the desired aromatics of slow-ripening, cool climate Chardonnay – seamlessly integrated layers of vibrant citrus, stone fruits and delicate mineral tones. Bright and intriguing notes of lime blossom, guava and meyer lemon curd are balanced by flavors of white peach, gravenstein apple and asian pear on a generous, complex palate. The wine is composed and restrained, with a lasting finish that reveals delightful hints of toasted hazelnuts, vanilla and crème brulee.

VINIFICATION

- ~ Hand-harvested at night into small 28 lb. baskets to insure cold fruit
- ~ Hand-sorted and whole cluster pressed
- ~ Barrel aged sur-lie for 11 months with weekly batonage
- ~ Racked once prior to bottling with minimal handling
- ~ Bottled Unfined and Unfiltered
- ~ 100% Malolactic fermentation

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