

# DARIOUSH



## 2011 Darioush Signature Pinot Noir

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

### DARIOUSH DISTINCTION

Signature Pinot Noir is grown along the highly acclaimed 'Gold Ridge' soil series on Vine Hill Road. We are fond of this Russian River Valley locale as it yields wines with keenly defined structure and multi-layered flavors truly representative of the appellation. Equally old-world in tradition, a large portion of the berries are whole-berry fermented in open top tanks to encourage fruit complexity and spice-oriented aromatics.

### TASTING NOTES

Aromatic notes of strawberries, dried orange peel, rose and allspice are a prelude to this wonderfully complex Pinot Noir. The mouthfeel is intriguing, marrying dark cherry and anise with layers of earthy cocoa, clove and savory lavender. Firm, intricate and restrained upon release, the wine will evolve gracefully and blossom with time.

### VINIFICATION

With meticulous attention to detail in the vineyard and cellar, 2011 Signature Pinot Noir was hand-harvested, hand sorted, then pressed with 15% whole clusters. Primary fermentation began in traditional open top tanks, a technique that accentuates the fruit component yet also encourages spicy aromatics. Malolactic fermentation was completed in barrel. The wine was aged for 15 months in new François Frères Burgundy cooperage, medium and medium plus toast. Barrel lots were racked prior to bottling. Signature Pinot Noir is unfinned and unfiltered.

COMPOSITION  
100% Pinot Noir

APPELLATION  
Russian River Valley

WINEMAKER  
Steve Devitt

AVAILABILITY  
Limited Library  
Release

