

## Signature Cabernet Sauvignon



### Darioush Distinction

Inspired by the power and grace exhibited in the great wines of Bordeaux, the Cabernet Sauvignon from Darioush's cooler-climate, southern Napa Valley vineyards exhibits extraordinary depth, character and poise. Now in their second decade, these estate vineyards have hit their stride, producing fruit with splendid concentration and power, compelling freshness and graceful complexity.

### Tasting Notes

Reflecting the strengths of Napa Valley's 2012 vintage, the Signature Cabernet Sauvignon exhibits beautiful layers of blueberry and black cherry aromas mingled with bittersweet cocoa, cinnamon and cigar box. Rich and dense on the palate with blackberry, dried fig and anise flavors, the wine is further enhanced by savory and earthbound elements of dried sage and French roast coffee. The tannins are firm, refined and mineral-laden, offering a complete, long-term and rewarding wine experience.

### Vinification

Meticulous attention to detail in vineyard and minimal cellar handling. Hand-harvested into small 28 lb. baskets. Hand-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.

COMPOSITION	89% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc, 1% Malbec
APPELLATION	Darioush Estate in Napa Valley, Mt. Veeder and Oak Knoll + hillside vineyards throughout Napa Valley

WINEMAKER	Steve Devitt
AVAILABILITY	7,811 cases
PRICE	\$95.00

