



# DARIOUSH

**SIGNATURE RUSSIAN RIVER PINOT NOIR**  
2008 VINTAGE

## DARIOUSH DISTINCTION

The highly acclaimed 'Gold Ridge' soil series along Vine Hill Road in Russian River is home to our four-acre estate Pinot Noir vineyard. We find this locale yields wines with a keenly defined, multi-layered flavor profile reminiscent of Côte de Nuits. A large portion of the berries are whole cluster fermented, an old-world tradition, to reveal a finished wine with great character, complexity and poise.

## TASTING NOTES

Exquisite fragrances of lavender, dried rose petals and raspberry mingle with cedar and spiced chai to introduce the 2008 Pinot Noir. This relatively warm, low-yielding vintage offers up succulent dark cherry, mountain blueberry and rhubarb, while flinty minerality lends a textural note. The finish is balanced by earthy hints of baking spice, tobacco and white truffle.

## VINIFICATION

- ~ Meticulous attention to detail and minimal handling
- ~ Hand-harvested into small 28 lb. baskets
- ~ Whole berries were hand-sorted and pressed with 15 % whole clusters
- ~ Fermented in open top tanks; Malolactic fermentation completed in barrel
- ~ Aged 15 months new François Frères burgundy cooperage medium & medium plus toast
- ~ Barrel lots racked prior to bottling
- ~ Unfined and unfiltered

COMPOSITION 100% Pinot Noir

APPELLATION Darioush Estate Vineyards  
in Russian River

COOPERAGE Aged 15 months in new François  
Frères French oak barrels from Tronçais

WINEMAKER Steve Devitt

AVAILABILITY 670 cases

PRICE \$55.00

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