



2014 Caravan Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot

Price: \$79.95 + refundable bottle deposit and handling fee

Varietal: Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Malbec, Petit Verdot

Brand: Caravan

LCBO Product #: 454263

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Region: Napa Valley, USA

Category: Regular Consignment

Bottles Per Case: 12

Bottle Size: 750ml

Availability

Availability in consignment

Background

Darioush Khaledi, a man passionate about fine wines founded Darioush Winery in 1997. Khaledi grew up in Iran's Shiraz region, a wine-growing region until the Islamic revolution - As an adult, he became a devoted collector of fine wines. Located just outside the Stag's Leap District, the Darioush Winery Estate benefits from the cooling marine influence of the San Pablo Bay.

The Estate is primarily planted to the classic Bordeaux varietals: Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot, Malbec, Cabernet Franc, Merlot - Extremely limited quantities of Shiraz, Chardonnay and Viognier are also planted on the property.

Tasting Notes

A classically-styled round, supple and sleek red blend – 2014 Caravan is the first vintage to highlight higher proportions of Merlot. The resulting profile is ripe and decadent with palate-pleasing notes of juicy plum, raspberry and flourless chocolate cake. Cabernet Sauvignon, the lion's share of the blend, adds layers of complexity and an ideal balance between sweet and savory elements. It's supple yet firm and polished tannin is complemented by dark, spicy notes of black currant and cinnamon; Caravan has a youthful energy that would reward several years of aging. The resulting profile is ripe and juicy – with notes of rich plum, raspberry and flourless chocolate cake filling the palate. Supple yet firm tannins, along with dark, spicy notes of black currant and cinnamon are lent by the lion's share, Cabernet Sauvignon, adding layers of intrigue and complexity to the wine, while denoting its propensity for longer term aging.

