2016 Darioush Signature Merlot

Price: $122.95 + refundable bottle deposit and handling fee
Varietal: Merlot
Brand: Darioush Winery
LCBO Product #: 550763
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Region: Napa Valley, California, USA
Category: Regular Consignment
Bottles Per Case: 6
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
The extended 2016 growing season allowed Merlot to slowly develop its flavor profile of luscious blackberry and plum, lifted by a snap of bright, tart cherry. Round and concentrated on the palate, the wine integrates notes of licorice and acacia wood with roast espresso, mocha and savory pipe tobacco. Soft yet supple tannins support a long finish, which reveals spicy hints of clove, cinnamon and anise. With additional bottle age, this classically styled, mountain-grown Merlot will continue to reward the patient collector.