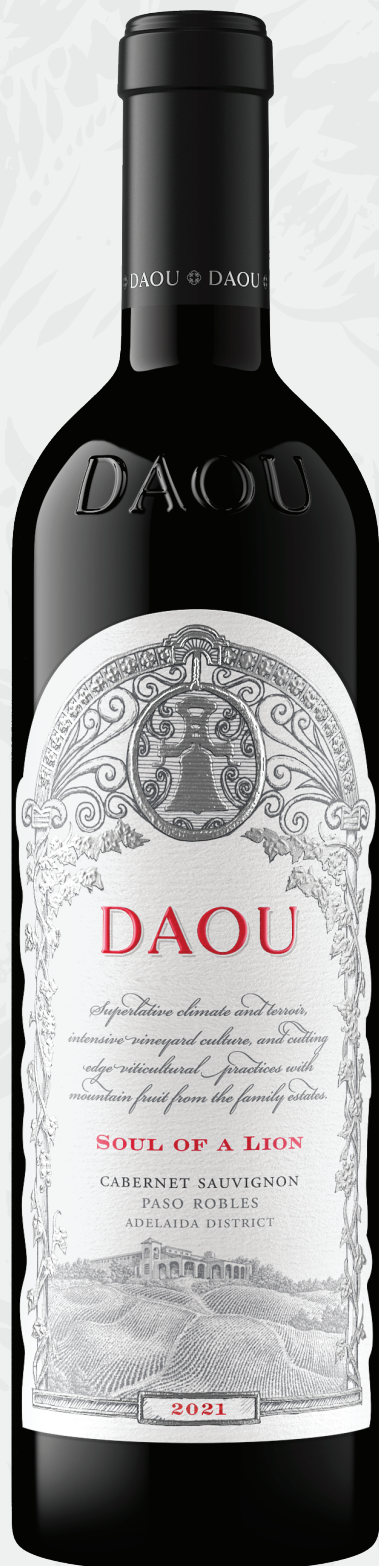


SOUL OF A LION

Cabernet Sauvignon
2021

96+ points

Robert Parker's Wine Advocate



Soul of a Lion is a family tribute to DAOU Founders, Georges and Daniel Daou's father, Joseph. It celebrates his life and the family's journey from Lebanon to France and the United States. Despite the challenges and setbacks they faced, they always came back roaring with the Soul of a Lion.

Wine Profile

Named for the father of Georges and Daniel Daou, Soul of a Lion is the crown jewel of DAOU, and an emblem of our quest to produce unsurpassed Cabernet Sauvignon from the terroir of the Adelaida District of Paso Robles. The 2021 vintage displays remarkable intensity in the glass with dark, inky ruby-purple hues. Abundant fruit aromas of black cherry, blackberry, blueberry jam and black currant are interwoven with accents of baking spices, sage and graphite. A voluminous entry introduces sumptuous layers of chocolate-covered blueberry, tobacco, mocha, vanilla and toasted oak. The mouthfeel is concentrated and elegant, with round, vibrant tannins that carry into a commanding finish. A wine of immense staying power that will evolve favorably for many years to come.

The Vintage

The 2021 growing season on DAOU Mountain was preceded by a dry winter, with only one large storm system that provided 10 inches of rainfall in February. A period of light rain in July also replenished the soil with much-needed moisture. While the summer season was marked by periodic heat waves, the weather cooled down by mid August and remained that way through harvest, with maximum temperatures hovering in the 60s and 70s. This cooling trend allowed the fruit to enjoy exceptional hang time. In the end, we saw low yields with small berries, providing for structured wines with the promise of excellent staying power.

The Estate

Hailed decades earlier as a "jewel of ecological elements" by legendary winemaker André Tchelistcheff, DAOU Mountain was rediscovered by brothers Georges and Daniel Daou in 2007. Their quest for a sublime terroir ended here, on steep slopes that ascend to an elevation of 2,200 feet, all blessed with the type of calcareous clay soil found in the greatest appellations. Driven by the brothers' passion for world-class, accessible wine, and their continuous innovation and artistry, the Adelaida District would soon become the world's newest benchmark for Cabernet Sauvignon and Bordeaux varieties.

<u>Aging</u>	<u>Alcohol %</u>	<u>Varietals</u>	<u>Soil Profile</u>	<u>AVA</u>
22 months in 100% new French oak	14.9%	82% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Cabernet Franc, 6% Petit Verdot	Calcareous clay and limestone	Adelaida District, Paso Robles

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