

# SOUL OF A LION

93–95 pts

Robert Parker's  
Wine Advocate

*Cabernet Sauvignon* | 2022

Soul of a Lion is a family tribute to 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

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 DAOU Mountain. The 2022 presents deep red and purple hues in the glass. The nose is elegantly layered with notes of violet, strawberry jam, cassis, blueberry, and black currant. Generous flavors of red fruit, chocolate-covered blueberry, and baking spices expand into a rich, rounded mouthfeel, while vivid acidity and bright tannins join together on an exquisitely structured finish. The result is a wine of immense staying power that will evolve favorably for many years to come.

## The Vintage

The 2022 growing season on DAOU Mountain was initially marked by winter drought conditions that were alleviated by rains in late March and April—a miracle happenstance that replenished the soils and set the pace for healthy vine canopies to come. A later-than-usual bud break was followed by normal spring and summer weather patterns through August. A sustained 10-day heat wave began in early September, prompting an early harvest that put Daniel's winegrowing ingenuity, artistry, and experience to the test. In the end, 2022 was a winemaker's vintage, yielding elegantly powerful and balanced wines that prove the importance of mastering grape growing and winemaking.

## 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.

### Aging

22 months  
in 100% new  
French oak

### Alcohol %

15.2%

### Varietals

82% Cabernet Sauvignon,  
15% Cabernet Franc,  
3% Petit Verdot

### Soil Profile

Calcareous  
Clay and  
Limestone

### AVA

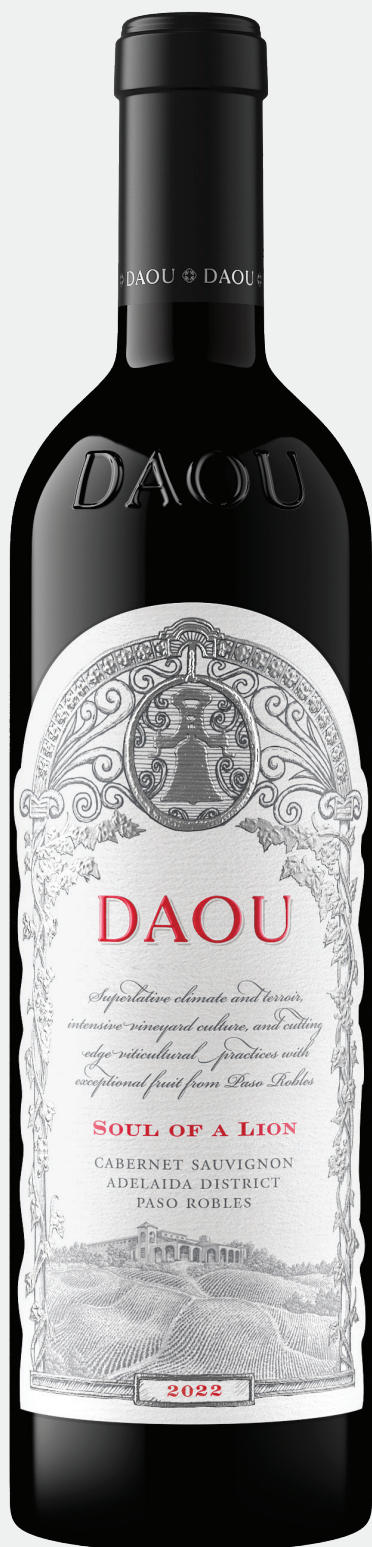
Adelaida  
District,  
Paso Robles

### Food Pairings

Grilled Ribeye with Herb Butter & Mushrooms  
Roasted Rack of Lamb with Wilted Greens  
Kale and White Bean Stew

### Aging Recommendations

Ideally Aged for a Minimum of Two Years,  
but Capable of Developing Exquisite  
Complexity Over 30 Years or More.



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