

DAOU

Estate Collection Micho

2023

Micho is our proprietary cuvée of Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon, named for the sister of winery founders Georges and Daniel Daou. This is a wine of elegance and concentration that can only be attained from singular Paso Robles vineyard blocks.

Wine Profile

The 2023 vintage presents dark garnet hues accompanied by fragrant scents of blackberry, blueberry, baking spice and cedar, while undercurrents of thyme, mint leaf and forest floor infuse the bouquet with nuanced complexity. The palate is seamlessly woven with raspberry, pomegranate, brambleberry, cherry and spice, all driven by mouthwatering acidity and fine tannins. Subtle notes of mineral, sage and black pepper give distinct expression to a full-bodied finish.

The Vintage

The 2023 growing season was preceded by ample winter rainfall that ultimately exceeded 30 total inches on DAOU Mountain. The long winter and abundant precipitation led to a late bud break followed by moderate summer temperatures, with only three days exceeding 100 degrees on DAOU Mountain. These conditions allowed for a long hang time, with harvest starting a few weeks later than average. Finally, October brought a series of warm days that allowed for a perfect alignment of physiological and phenolic ripeness. Overall, the temperature pattern was similar to Bordeaux, but without any rain during the harvest months. The resulting 2023 vintage combines freshness and natural acidity with optimal flavor development and phenolic maturity.

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. DAOU Estate Collection wines have since grown to include our most treasured vineyard blocks, earning worldwide critical acclaim and redefining what is possible from Paso Robles.



Aging

21 months in 80%
new French oak

Alcohol %

15.2%

Varietals

55% Merlot
45% Cabernet Sauvignon

Soil Profile

Calcareous clay and limestone

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Paso Robles