

DAOU

RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

GENESEO DISTRICT

2023

This DAOU Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon is a special selection from the Geneseo District in the heart of the Paso Robles AVA, where rolling hills, coastal breezes and clay-loam soils produce a uniquely elegant Cabernet Sauvignon.

Wine Profile

The 2023 vintage is deep garnet in the glass and loaded with aromas of violet, cherry, blackberry, chocolate-covered blueberry and patisserie spices. The bouquet gains complexity with secondary nuances of clove, citrus and herb. On the palate, juicy acidity and polished tannins create a luxurious mouthfeel embroidered with blackberry, pomegranate, cherry cola, mocha and black pepper, all converging into a velvety finish that leaves a lasting impression.

The Vintage

The 2023 growing season was preceded by ample winter rainfall that ultimately doubled the annual average in Paso Robles. The long winter and abundant precipitation led to a late bud break followed by moderate summer temperatures. These conditions allowed for a long hang time, with harvest starting a few weeks later than typical. Finally, October brought a series of warm days that allowed for a perfect alignment of physiological and phenolic ripeness. The resulting 2023 vintage combines freshness and natural acidity with optimal flavor development and phenolic maturity.

The Vineyards

The Geneseo District lies at the center of the Paso Robles AVA, just east of the city of Paso Robles. Here, the rolling hills are composed of sandy clay loam with a rocky calcareous substrate. While warmer than the westside districts on average, the Geneseo District enjoys daily cooling from marine breezes that flow through the Templeton Gap, a notch in the coastal mountains. These conditions are very amenable to the Cabernet Sauvignon grape, fostering ripe varietal flavors with roundness and elegance.



Aging

18 months in 50% new French oak

Alcohol %

14.8%

Varietal

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

AVA

Geneseo District, Paso Robles