

DAOU

Estate Collection Arinarnoa

2024

Arinarnoa is an emergent French grape variety planted by Founder Daniel Daou, advancing our passion for Bordeaux-style wines grown on DAOU Mountain.

Arinarnoa is an exciting grape created in 1956 as a cross between Cabernet Sauvignon and Tannat. When Arinarnoa was finally added to the list of approved Bordeaux varieties in 2020, Daniel swiftly planted nearly 10 acres to advance DAOU's founding passion for Bordeaux-style wines grown in the Adelaida District of Paso Robles. The result is a uniquely expressive wine with deep color, exuberant aromas, and a bold yet refined structure.

Wine Profile

The 2024 vintage is inky and nearly opaque in the glass with effusive aromas of fresh blue and red fruits. Scents of dried herb, baking spice and creamy caramel expand with trailing hints of toasted oak. On the palate, luscious flavors of strawberry, blueberry jam and dark chocolate are accented by plum, black currant and espresso, all leading to a fresh, balanced finish.

The Vintage

The 2024 growing season began with abundant winter rains that replenished the soils and set the stage for healthy canopy development. Up to 21 inches of rainfall was observed, with the last storm landing in mid April. Temperatures remained mild through spring and early summer, followed by a two-week heat event starting in early July. The remainder of summer was marked by warm days coupled with cool evenings—a trend that led to optimal ripening and smaller berries with concentrated flavors. The harvest season saw two heatwaves that were punctuated by sustained cooling-off periods, allowing the DAOU vineyard team to pause and wait for peak maturation before picking. The resulting wines combine density and power with elegance and freshness, delivering a memorable vintage from Paso Robles.

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 %

15.3%

Varietal

Arinarnoa

Soil Profile

Calcareous clay and limestone

AVA

Adelaida District, Paso Robles