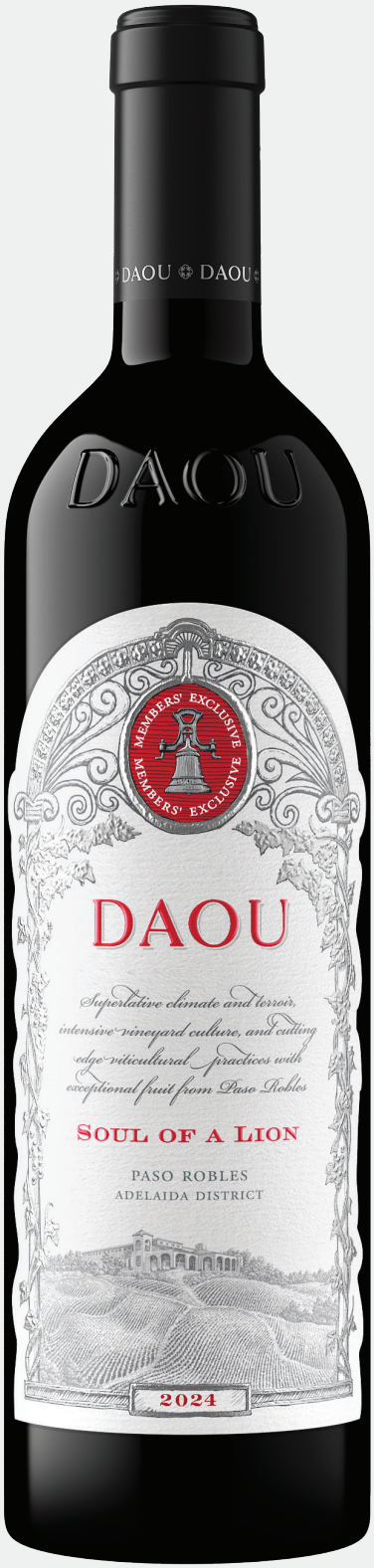
SOUL OF A LION

Cabernet Sauvignon | 2024 MEMBERS' EXCLUSIVE



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 2024 vintage is lavishly aromatic, offering blue and black fruits with accents of violet, vanilla, black tea leaf, chocolate and toasted graham cracker. Rich yet luminous in texture, it unfolds in deep waves of dark berry, strawberry, tobacco leaf, baking spice and cocoa. Exquisitely fine tannins lend pitch-perfect structure to a long, engulfing finish. A wine that promises to stand the test of time for many years to come.

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. 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	Alcohol %	Varietals	Soil Profile	AVA
22 months in 100% new French oak	15.2%	80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Cabernet Franc, 6% Petit Verdot	Calcareous Clay and Limestone	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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