

# DAOU

## SAUVIGNON BLANC

2023

The DAOU Sauvignon Blanc exhibits abundant varietal character and also reflects our founding passion for classic Bordeaux varieties. This Sauvignon Blanc belongs to our DAOU Collection—a line of wines dedicated to showcasing the regional excellence of Paso Robles on California's Central Coast. Since DAOU's founding in 2007, we have developed longstanding relationships with leading local growers, enabling us to produce wines that capture the essence of Paso Robles.

### Wine Profile

An intensely aromatic and scintillating Sauvignon Blanc from one of the best vintages ever in Paso Robles. Scents of ripe pear, grapefruit, lemon and freshly cut grass meld seamlessly with suggestions of key lime zest, guava, melon and tropical rain forest. The palate is lush, clean and balanced with generous flavors of kiwi, quince, Granny Smith apple and passionfruit. Trailing accents of Crenshaw melon, lemongrass and nectarine flood the mouth with juicy elegance, while a clean, exuberant finish lingers with lovely nuances of white peach, green apple and Asian pear.

### The Vintage

The 2023 growing season was fueled by abundant winter rainfall that exceeded 30 inches in several areas of Paso Robles, more than double the annual average. This much-needed water replenished the soils and mitigated some of the impact of recent drought years. The long winter led to a late bud break followed by moderate summer temperatures. These conditions allowed for an extended 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 overall quality of the 2023 vintage is exceptional. The wines have retained freshness and natural acidity while displaying beautiful flavor development.

### The Vineyards

DAOU Sauvignon Blanc comes predominantly from our favorite vineyards in the Highlands District AVA and El Pomar District AVA of Paso Robles. The Highlands District's high elevations and intense diurnal temperature shifts produce a wine that balances ripe flavors with fine acidity. The more moderate conditions of the El Pomar District tease out pure varietal character in the Sauvignon Blanc fruit. Together, these AVAs create a multifaceted expression of Paso Robles-grown Sauvignon Blanc.



**92 points**

*Wine Enthusiast - Best Buy*

Alcohol %

13.7%

Varietal

100% Sauvignon Blanc

Soil Profile

Mostly loamy and fine

AVA

Paso Robles