

# DAOU

## CHARDONNAY

2023

The 2023 DAOU Chardonnay reveals the brilliance of this classic Burgundian grape when grown in favorable areas of Paso Robles.

This Chardonnay 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

The 2023 DAOU Chardonnay presents enticing scents of pear, passion fruit and pineapple augmented by hints of honeysuckle, white peach, nutmeg and buttered toast. The nose is rounded out by nuances of crushed hazelnut, hibiscus, papaya and vanilla. A lush, vibrant palate displays tropical flavors of mango, kiwi and pineapple with kisses of golden apple and clover honey. Suggestions of casaba melon, citrus zest and toasty oak persist on a clean, balanced finish.

### 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 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

This Chardonnay comes from higher-elevation vineyards that are predominantly planted to soils of loam and limestone. We focus on sourcing Chardonnay fruit from specific sub-AVAs of Paso Robles with the right amount of degree growing days to maintain a pure varietal character. Each site has ultimately been selected for its ability to produce the DAOU style of Chardonnay, which combines rich Paso Robles flavors with fine acidity and elegance.



## 93 points

*The Tasting Panel*

Alcohol %

13.8%

Varietals

100% Chardonnay

Aging

7 months in 30% new French oak

Soil Profile

Loam and limestone

AVA

Paso Robles