

Bodyguard

RED BLEND

2022

The Bodyguard Collection is inspired by the personal journey of brothers Georges and Daniel Daou. Each Bodyguard wine is made in tribute to their mother Marie, who safeguarded them through times of trial. When the young brothers were gravely injured by a missile strike at the start of the Lebanese Civil War, it was Marie who helped lead the family to safety in France. She imparted the love, hope and strength that would ultimately enable Georges and Daniel to follow their dreams to DAOU Mountain.

The Bodyguard Red Blend is a celebration of Marie Daou, showcasing her unique ability for strength and elegance. While Petit Verdot and Petite Sirah are both bold by nature, they achieve elegant harmony in the hands of Winemaker Daniel Daou.

Wine Profile

Bodyguard is an innovative blend of predominately Petit Verdot and Petite Sirah — two varieties that achieve elegant harmony in the hands of Chief Winemaker Daniel Daou. The 2022 vintage boasts a deep garnet hue with aromas of ripe plum, berry compote, blackberry and clove, underlain by hints of pine, cedar and vanilla. Juicy, velvety textures expand with layers of mixed berry flavors. A medium-bodied mouthfeel finishes with bright, silky tannins.

The Vintage

The 2022 growing season was initially marked by winter drought conditions that were alleviated by rains in late March and April—a miracle happenstance that replenished the soils and set the pace for healthy vine canopies to come. A later-than-usual bud break was followed by normal spring and summer weather patterns through August. Finally, a September heat wave prompted an early harvest that put Daniel's ingenuity, artistry and experience to the test. In the end, 2022 was a winemaker's vintage, yielding elegantly flavorful and balanced wines that prove the importance of mastering grape growing and winemaking.

The Vineyards

The Paso Robles AVA spans many diverse terroirs with the common benefit of a moderating coastal influence. Warm days are followed by cool marine breezes, creating diurnal temperature swings of up to 50 degrees during the summer growing season. Sustainable farming practices, deficit irrigation and high-density vine plantings combine to foster grapes with natural quality and structure. The fruit is hand harvested at peak physiological ripeness to ensure that it reaches the winery in perfect condition.



93 points

Wine Enthusiast

Aging

15 months in 35% new French oak, 35% new American oak and 30% neutral French oak

Alcohol %

14.6%

Varietals

66% Petit Verdot
28% Petite Sirah
6% Cabernet Sauvignon

Soil Profile

Calcareous, loamy and fine

AVA

Paso Robles

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