

2019 VINTAGE

# SOUL OF A LION

*Cabernet Sauvignon*

97  
PTS

Robert Parker's  
Wine Advocate

The hunt is over. The culmination of a nine year journey of passionate curation, Soul of a Lion is the pride of the family, inspired by and a tribute to the man that made it all possible. The 2019 Soul of a Lion is a blockbuster vintage that showcases how Bordeaux varieties are remarkably suited to the elevated terroir of DAOU Mountain.

This is the story of two sons, their beloved father, and a wine named Soul of a Lion...

## TASTING NOTES FROM AN ARTIST

"This wine explodes from the glass with a kaleidoscope of aromas and flavors, including blackberry, blueberry, blackcurrant, dark cherry, sweet tobacco and licorice. An added floral dimension imparts an integrated sense of elegance and freshness. While full-bodied with ultra-high phenolic levels, this wine maintains its evenness and poise through an extraordinarily long finish. Structured, balanced and powerful, the 2019 Soul of a Lion will reveal its full magnitude after several years of careful cellaring."



Daniel J. Daou  
Co-Proprietor / Winemaker

## A ROARING VINTAGE

2019 produced possibly the greatest vintage DAOU Mountain has ever experienced, with heavy rains during dormancy, moderate temperatures and extended hang time yielding a mighty harvest. The ample winter rainfall—close to 40 inches total—gave way to a healthy cover crop that replenished the soil's micronutrient levels. The climate throughout the growing season was perfect, with temperatures mostly in the 80s and 90s, and not a single day reaching 100 degrees during the entire year. The harvested grapes arrived in exquisite condition, showing no damage, sunburn or shriveling. The resulting wines are marked by elegance and power, with moderate alcohols and great acidity that promise excellent longevity.

## THE RELENTLESS PURSUIT OF THE EXTRAORDINARY

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.

Still family-owned and operated, in the relentless pursuit of the extraordinary we create exceptional wine, emotional connections and elevated experiences of life affirming joy.



### WINEMAKER

Daniel Daou

### VARIETALS

Cabernet Sauvignon 78%  
Cabernet Franc 12%  
Petit Verdot 10%

### BARREL AGING

22 months in  
100% new French oak

### ABV

14.8%

### ACCOLADES

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"Soul of a Lion is named for our father Joseph, who exhibited unwavering love, passion and courage throughout our lives together. That pursuit of the extraordinary drove us to discover DAOU Mountain—and to embark on a dream decades in the making."



Georges J. Daou  
Co-Proprietor



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