

DAOU

Mayote
2022

Mayote is our iconic Bordeaux-style cuvée of Cabernet Franc, Merlot and Petit Verdot, named for the mother of Georges and Daniel Daou, founders of DAOU. True to her legacy, Mayote is a wine of complexity, elegance and staying power.

Wine Profile

The 2022 Mayote presents a dark garnet-purple hue in the glass. The aroma profile is loaded with blueberry, dark cherry, mocha and graphite. As the wine opens up in the glass, accents of cinnamon, nutmeg and sage emerge on the nose. The palate is a medley of fresh berries augmented by notes of chocolate-covered strawberries and subtle minerality. Bright tannins and fresh textures add lift to a deep, velvety finish.

The Vintage

The 2022 growing season on DAOU Mountain 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. A sustained 10-day heat wave began in early September, prompting an early harvest that put Daniel's winegrowing ingenuity, artistry and experience to the test. In the end, 2022 was a winemaker's vintage, yielding elegantly powerful and balanced wines that prove the importance of mastering grape growing and winemaking.

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. DAOU Estate wines have since grown to include our most treasured vineyard blocks, earning worldwide critical acclaim and redefining what is possible from Paso Robles.



93–95 points

Robert Parker's Wine Advocate

Aging

22 months in 100%
new French oak

Alcohol %

14.7%

Varietals

46% Cabernet Franc
35% Merlot
19% Petit Verdot

Soil Profile

Calcareous clay and limestone

AVA

Paso Robles