

# DAOU

## RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON WILLOW CREEK DISTRICT

2022

This DAOU Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon is a special selection from the Willow Creek District in the westside coastal mountains of Paso Robles, where limestone soils, hillside exposures and marine cooling produce a beautifully layered Cabernet Sauvignon.

### Wine Profile

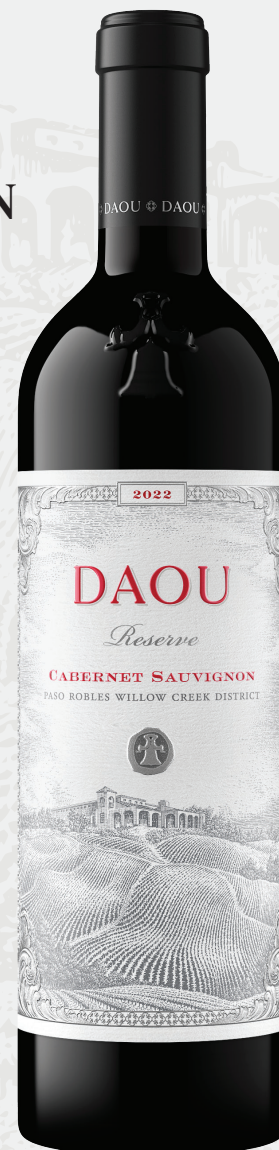
Our longtime passion for Cabernet Sauvignon is reflected in this special selection from the Willow Creek District, located in the westside coastal mountains of Paso Robles. The 2022 vintage presents floral aromas of strawberry and plum that gain dimension with trailing notes of graham cracker, bay leaf, toffee and mocha. The mouthfeel is round and saturated, offering flavors of fresh berries, blueberry and açai berry with just a hint of stone fruit. A long finish is punctuated by plump tannins and fine structure.

### 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. A sustained 10-day heat wave began in early September, prompting an early harvest that put Daniel's winemaking 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 Vineyards

The Willow Creek District unfolds amid the rugged coastal terrain of westside Paso Robles. Ocean fog routinely infiltrates this district through gaps in the Santa Lucia mountain range, creating one of the Paso Robles AVAs cooler growing environments. Highly coveted calcareous limestone soils predominate across the Willow Creek District, similar to those found in the world's greatest winegrowing regions. These conditions produce age-worthy Cabernet Sauvignon, with dense flavors, balanced acidity and excellent structure.



#### Aging

18 months in 100% new French oak

#### Alcohol %

14.9%

#### Varietal

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

#### AVA

Willow Creek District, Paso Robles