

# DAOU

## *Estate Collection Cabernet Sauvignon*

2023

This Cabernet Sauvignon represents the pinnacle of our winemaking efforts—grown in treasured vineyard blocks, selected for special attention, and crafted with care and devotion. An iconic expression of Paso Robles Cabernet Sauvignon..

The 2023 Cabernet Sauvignon belongs to our Estate Collection—signifying wines made predominantly from the finest vineyard blocks on DAOU Mountain and aged extensively in hand-selected, custom-crafted French oak barrels. These wines showcase the visionary talent of Chief Winemaker Daniel Daou and the unrivaled terroir of DAOU Mountain.

### Wine Profile

The DAOU Estate Collection Cabernet Sauvignon is one of the wines that started it all for DAOU, helping usher Paso Robles Cabernet Sauvignon onto the global stage. The 2023 vintage lives up to its pedigree with an enveloping bouquet of cherry, pomegranate, strawberry, tobacco and candied blueberry accented by grilled meat, black pepper and white sage. The palate is broad, complex and commanding with flavors of raspberry, blueberry, cassis, blackberry and graphite. Traces of black licorice and dark chocolate join bright tannins on a full, layered finish.

### The Vintage

The 2023 growing season was preceded by ample winter rainfall that ultimately exceeded 30 total inches on DAOU Mountain. The long winter and abundant precipitation led to a late bud break followed by moderate summer temperatures, with only three days exceeding 100 degrees on DAOU Mountain. These conditions allowed for a long hang time, with harvest starting a few weeks later than average. Finally, October brought a series of warm days that allowed for a perfect alignment of physiological and phenolic ripeness. Overall, the temperature pattern was similar to Bordeaux, but without any rain during the harvest months. The resulting 2023 vintage combines freshness and natural acidity with optimal flavor development and phenolic maturity.

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



#### Aging

21 months in 80%  
new French oak

#### Alcohol %

15.2%

#### Varietal

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

#### Soil Profile

Calcareous clay and limestone

#### AVA

Adelaida District, Paso Robles