

# DAOU

## *Estate Collection Cuvée Katherine*

2023

Named for the daughter of Chief Winemaker Daniel Daou, Cuvée Katherine is an innovative and seamless blend of Cabernet Sauvignon clones from top vineyard blocks on DAOU Mountain.

Cuvée Katherine is grown in treasured vineyard blocks, selected for special attention, aged extensively in hand-selected, custom-crafted French oak barrels and created with care and devotion. This wine showcases the visionary talent of Chief Winemaker Daniel Daou and the unrivaled terroir of the Adelaida District in Paso Robles.

### Wine Profile

Scents of blue and black fruit reveal a complex varietal tapestry of sage, green tea leaf, kalamata olive, eucalyptus and cacao. A rounded front palate gains width and richness with flavors of blueberry, black currant, raspberry, dried herb, caramel and mint. Complementary notes of chocolate, espresso and cedar linger on a fresh, structured 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

18 months in 80%  
new French oak

#### Alcohol %

15.2%

#### Varietal

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

#### Soil Profile

Calcareous clay and limestone

#### AVA

Adelaida District, Paso Robles