# DAOU

## *Estate Collection Dessert Wine*

2023

The 2023 DAOU Dessert Wine is a sumptuous small-lot red crafted with classic Old World techniques.

The DAOU Dessert Wine is an elite selection that represents the pinnacle of our winemaking efforts—grown in treasured vineyard blocks, selected for special attention, and crafted with care and devotion.




## Wine Profile

In the glass, a deep ruby hue foreshadows the richness to come. Seductive aromas of dark cherry, blueberry, chocolate, cola and sherry syrup are a symphony for the senses. Round and full bodied, the palate is densely constructed with flavors of strawberry, cherry, berry punch, toasted almond, shaved macadamia and fig compote. The sweetness is beautifully counterbalanced by fine acidity, leading to a silky, luxuriant 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
neutral French oak

### Alcohol %

20%

### Soil Profile

Calcareous clay and limestone

### AVA

Adelaida District, Paso Robles