

DAOU

Chardonnay

2023

This Chardonnay 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. The result is a Chardonnay of extraordinary richness and elegance, showing what is possible from Paso Robles.

The 2023 Chardonnay is 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

Light straw hues gain golden brilliance in the glass. Aromas of tropical fruit, citrus, pear and honeysuckle enchant the nose with underlying hints of vanilla bean and peach gummy. The palate is astonishingly fresh, creamy and velvety with impressions of lemon zest, apricot, melon, light butter and tropical nuance. Vivid acidity brings energy to a long, rounded finish.

The Vintage

The 2023 growing season was fueled by abundant winter rainfall that exceeded 30 inches in several areas of Paso Robles, more than double the annual average. This much-needed water replenished the soils and mitigated some of the impact of recent drought years. The long winter led to a late bud break followed by moderate summer temperatures. These conditions allowed for an extended hang time, with harvest starting a few weeks later than typical. Finally, October brought a series of warm days that allowed for a perfect alignment of physiological ripeness. The quality of the 2023 vintage is exceptional. The wines have retained freshness and natural acidity while displaying beautiful flavor development.

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.



Aging

10 months in 70%
new French oak

Alcohol %

14.4%

Varietal

100% Chardonnay

Soil Profile

Calcareous clay and limestone

AVA

Adelaida District, Paso Robles