

DAOU

RESERVE EYE OF THE FALCON

2023

The Reserve Eye of the Falcon is a signature DAOU cuvée that showcases Winemaker Daniel Daou's mastery of Bordeaux-style blends, which excel in the amenable terroirs of Paso Robles.

The 2023 Reserve Eye of the Falcon belongs to our Reserve Collection, which features allocated wines from DAOU Mountain as well as top vineyards across the Paso Robles AVA. The best fruit from each site is reserved for special winemaking treatment, resulting in wines that display remarkable character and expression.

Wine Profile

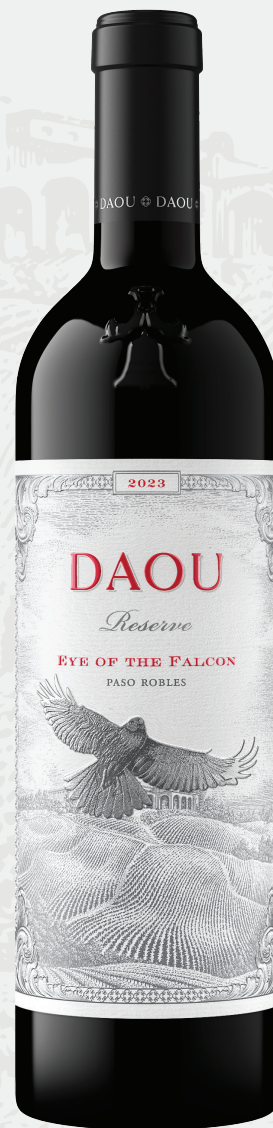
True to form, the 2023 vintage is an integrated and elegant cuvée of Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot. Deep, dark purple hues pave the way for multidimensional aromas of blackberry, blueberry, strawberry, black cherry, cedar and nutmeg with nuances of toffee and dark chocolate. The palate is framed by big tannins, balanced acidity and densely woven flavors of black fruit, cherry, caramel, espresso and toasted oak. Underlying subtleties of graphite and tobacco emerge on a long, enduring finish.

The Vintage

The 2023 growing season was preceded by ample winter rainfall that ultimately doubled the annual average in Paso Robles. The long winter and abundant precipitation led to a late bud break followed by moderate summer temperatures. These conditions allowed for a long 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 and phenolic ripeness. The resulting 2023 vintage combines freshness and natural acidity with optimal flavor development and phenolic maturity.

The Vineyards

The Paso Robles AVA spans many diverse terroirs with the common benefit of a moderating coastal influence. Warm days are followed by cool marine breezes, creating diurnal temperature swings of up to 50 degrees during the summer growing season. Sustainable farming practices, deficit irrigation and high-density vine plantings combine to foster grapes with natural quality and structure. The fruit is hand harvested at peak physiological ripeness to ensure that it reaches the winery in perfect condition.



Aging

18 months in 50% new French oak

Alcohol %

14.9%

Varietals

66% Cabernet Sauvignon
34% Petit Verdot

AVA

Paso Robles