DAOU

Estate Collection Malbec

2024

The 2024 DAOU Malbec is a limited selection crafted to reflect our best winemaking efforts.

This wine belongs to our Estate Collection, signifying wines made predominantly from the finest vineyard blocks and aged extensively in hand-selected, custom-crafted French oak barrels. The result is a Malbec of remarkable breadth and complexity.

Wine Profile

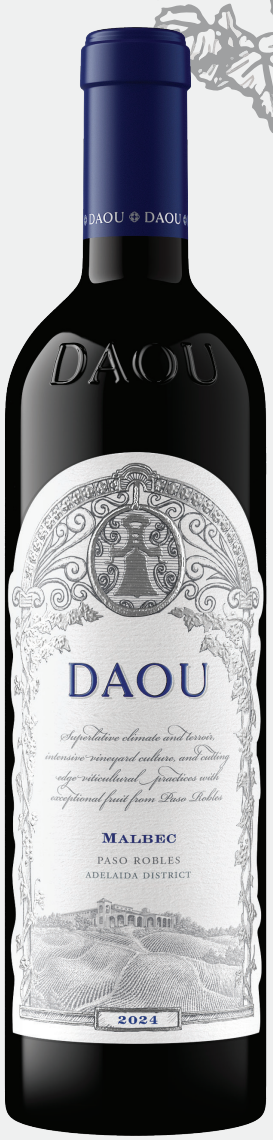
Deep purple hues mingle with hints of blue in the glass. On the nose, waves of raspberry compote, blackberry jam and blueberry are augmented by notes of white sage, mineral, grilled meat, toasted oak and graham cracker. Red and blue fruits continue on the palate accompanied by supple flavors of dark berry, chocolate, tobacco and baking spice. Mouthwatering acidity combines with fresh tannins to produce a polished, energetic finish.

The Vintage

The 2024 growing season began with abundant winter rains that replenished the soils and set the stage for healthy canopy development. Up to 21 inches of rainfall was observed, with the last storm landing in mid April. Temperatures remained mild through spring and early summer, followed by a two-week heat event starting in early July. The remainder of summer was marked by warm days coupled with cool evenings—a trend that led to optimal ripening and smaller berries with concentrated flavors. The harvest season saw two heatwaves that were punctuated by sustained cooling-off periods, allowing the DAOU vineyard team to pause and wait for peak maturation before picking. The resulting wines combine density and power with elegance and freshness, delivering a memorable vintage from Paso Robles.

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

Malbec

Soil Profile

Calcareous clay and limestone

AVA

Adelaida District, Paso Robles