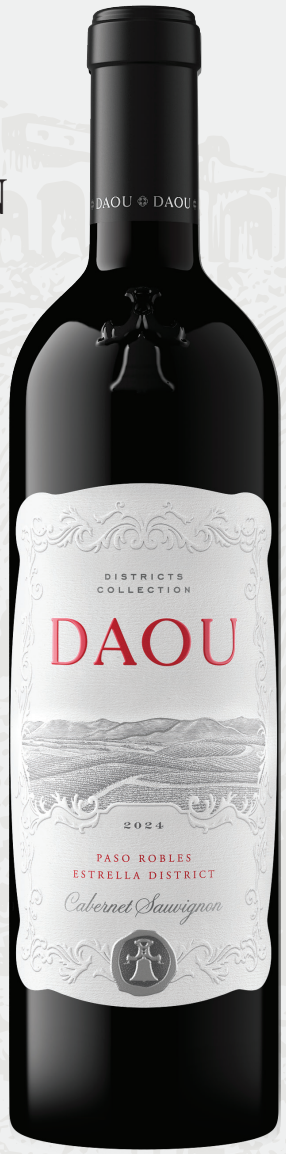
DAOU

RESERVE CABERNET SAUVIGNON
ESTRELLA DISTRICT

2024



Our longtime passion for Cabernet Sauvignon is reflected in this special selection from the Estrella District, which occupies the northern center of the Paso Robles AVA.

Wine Profile

The 2024 vintage's deep burgundy color foreshadows a deep bouquet of blackberry jam, blueberry, chocolate-covered cherry and roasted coffee with nuances of fig, dried herb and white tea. Flavors of blackberry, black currant and black pepper are enfolded into a supple core of juicy acidity and vibrant tannins. Firm structure melts into the finish with beautiful finesse and balance.

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 Vineyards

The Estrella District lies in the warmer northeastern reaches of the Paso Robles AVA, where rolling plains and terraces along the Estrella River range from approximately 745 to 1,800 feet in elevation. The district's diverse alluvial soils, ranging from deep valley deposits to moderately deep soils on older terraces, provide an ideal foundation for Cabernet Sauvignon. Warm days encourage generous ripening, while significant shifts between daytime and nighttime temperatures help preserve freshness and balance. These conditions allow Cabernet Sauvignon to develop lush textures, concentrated fruit, and rich varietal character, yielding wines of depth, structure, and elegance.

Aging

18 months in 50% new French oak

Alcohol %

14.9%

Varietal

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

AVA

Estrella District, Paso Robles