

DAOU

RESERVE OLD VINE CHARDONNAY

2024

This DAOU Reserve Chardonnay comes from a special selection of old vines in Edna Valley. Here, in one of California's most esteemed Chardonnay regions, these mature vines produce a wine of remarkable depth and elegance.

Wine Profile

The 2024 vintage shines a brilliant gold with glimmers of green. The nose is inviting and aromatic with scents of honeysuckle, Asian pear, peach, citrus and butterscotch, all framed by crisp minerality. A seamless, rounded mouthfeel shows layers of stone fruit, pear, lemon meringue and orange peel. Fresh acidity carries the finish with lingering hints of vanilla cream.

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 display rich flavors with elegance and freshness, delivering a memorable vintage.

The Vineyards

Edna Valley was championed as one of California's great Chardonnay regions starting in the mid-1970s. Here, the vineyards are located just five miles on average from the Pacific Ocean, in one of California's coolest winegrowing regions. The early-ripening Chardonnay grape thrives in these conditions, which lengthens the growing season and cultivates perfect physiological maturity in the fruit. The old vines chosen for the DAOU Reserve Chardonnay provide a wine that displays classic Edna Valley character and excellence.



Aging

9 months in 45% new French oak

Alcohol %

14.7%

Varietal

100% Chardonnay

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Edna Valley