DAOU

Estate Collection Chardonnay

2025

The 2025 DAOU Estate Chardonnay is a limited selection that represents our finest 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.

Wine Profile

Dazzling in the glass with pale straw hues, it leads with luscious aromas of honeysuckle, orange blossom, white peach, lychee and wet stone. The palate releases expansive layers of citrus, pomelo and Asian pear infused with lush barrel notes of caramel, vanilla, honey and baking spice. Displaying a fine balance of fresh acidity and textural roundness, it finishes with lasting complexity and elegance.

The Vintage

The 2025 growing season was marked by moderate winter rainfall and remarkably mild summer temperatures, without the periodic heat spikes common to Paso Robles. These conditions fostered a gentle pace of ripening, allowing for extended hang time through harvest. Additionally, high-density plantings, coupled with our limestone-rich soils and targeted deficit irrigation, further ensured harmonious fruit development. The grape berries remained plump and the flavors matured beautifully—all while the fruit retained bright, natural acidity for lift and freshness. The resulting 2025 wines deliver elegant aromatics, lively textures, and pure varietal flavors.

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

10 months in 70% new French oak

Alcohol %

14.9%

Varietal

100% Chardonnay

Soil Profile

Calcareous clay and limestone

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Adelaida District, Paso Robles