PATRIMONY

Paso Robles • Adelaida District

2023 CAVES DES LIONS

Varietals: Cabernet Sauvignon 60%, Cabernet Franc 40%

Alcohol: 15.2% | *Élevage:* 27 months in 100% new French oak



VINTAGE

The 2023 growing season was preceded by ample winter rainfall that ultimately exceeded 30 total inches. The long winter and abundant precipitation led to a late bud break followed by moderate summer temperatures, with only three days exceeding 100 degrees. These conditions allowed for a long hang time, with harvest starting a few weeks later than average. Finally, October brought a series of warm days that allowed for a perfect alignment of physiological and phenolic ripeness. Overall, the temperature pattern was similar to Bordeaux, but without any rain during the harvest months. The resulting 2023 vintage combines freshness and natural acidity with optimal flavor development and phenolic maturity.

TASTING NOTES

PATRIMONY's iconic blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc returns with the sensational 2023 Caves des Lions. With its purple-black color, this wine immediately stuns the senses with an aromatic rush of red fruit, blueberry pie, tobacco, baking spice, smoked meat and dried herbs. The palate is equally striking, with a bold entry that leads to waves of black fruit, Luxardo cherry, cocoa powder and leather entwined with suggestions of green tea and chocolate. Expansive and structured, it finishes with bright tannins, mouthfilling textures and exceptional length, all promising impressive longevity in the bottle.

VITICULTURE

The phenolics produced on this mountain are known to be among the highest in the world, fostering an immensity of color, depth, and structure. To extract the purest and most elevated expression of this terroir, purposeful omission is required. Only select vineyard rows are chosen for PATRIMONY cultivation. By the time the fruit is aggressively thinned, optically sorted, and used only for its free-run juice, a minimal percentage of the total potential yield meets the exacting standard we set for PATRIMONY. Fermentation proceeds exclusively with wild yeasts cultured from DAOU Mountain, imbuing the wine with native texture and character.

BARRIQUE

The PATRIMONY aging program is built around the most coveted barrels that are accessible only through personal relationships with top cooperages. Collectively, these barrels provide for seamless oak integration and staggering complexity over a maturation period of 27 months, all without encroaching upon the pure qualities of our DAOU Mountain fruit:

- *PATRIMONY 5-year custom Bois Rosé barrel*
- *Custom made Jupille barrels*
- *Taransaud Ref 102*
- *Sylvain Signature*