



PATRIMONY

Paso Robles • Adelaida District

2019 CAVES DES LIONS



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VINTAGE

The year 2019 produced possibly the greatest vintage DAOU Mountain has ever experienced. Heavy rains during dormancy, combined with moderate temperatures and extended hang time, yielded the latest harvest to date. The ample winter rainfall—close to 46 inches total—gave way to a healthy cover crop that replenished the soil's micronutrient levels. The climate throughout the growing season was perfect, with temperatures mostly in the 80s and 90s, and not a single day reaching 100 degrees during the entire year. The harvested grapes arrived in exquisite condition, showing no damage, sunburn or shriveling. The vintage is marked with elegance, power, and great acidity that promises excellent longevity.

VITICULTURE & VINIFICATION

PATRIMONY is rooted in the unrivalled terroir of DAOU Mountain. The phenolics produced on this mountain are known to be among the highest in the world, fostering an immensity of color, depth and structure. In order to extract the purest and most elevated expression of this terroir, purposeful omission is required. For this reason, 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 actually 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.

BARRIQUES

The PATRIMONY aging program is built around the most coveted barrels that are accessible only through personal relationships with top cooperages. Berger Custom Toast Barrel, Custom Barrel Boise Rose Barrel, Seguin Moreau ICON Elegance, Onowood Jupille, Taransaud Ref 122, Boutes Selection, and Sylvain Signature. 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.



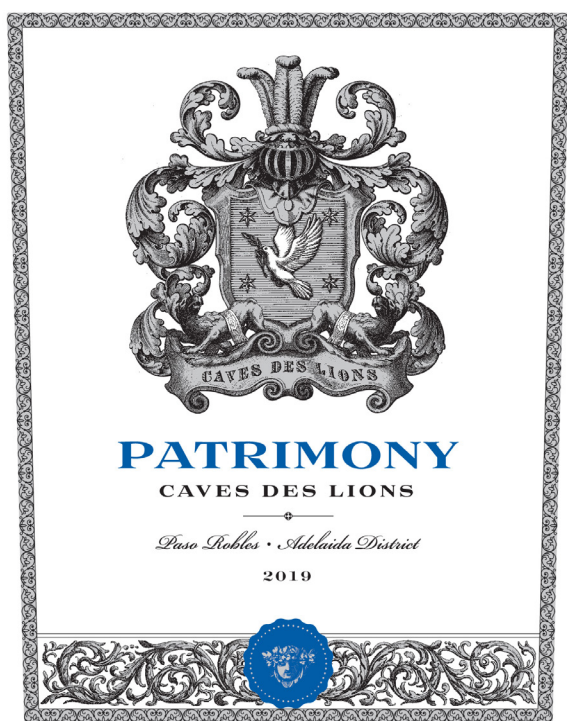
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TASTING NOTES

A blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc, this wine perfectly shows the marriage possible by these two grapes when blended together. One can not but be taken by the uber-dark color of this wine. Yet, when the first sip is taken, an unexpected profile emerges from the glass with elegance and freshness accompanied by a wealth of minerality. The nose explodes with aromas of cassis, cured meats, coffee, licorice, dark chocolate and spice. Full-bodied, this flawlessly balanced wine will keep you thinking for a long time while the finish does not stop. Layered and complex, it will age beautifully for decades and continue to improve.

Varieties: Cabernet Sauvignon 52%, Cabernet Franc 48%

Alcohol: 14.9%

Cooperages: Berger Custom Toast Barrel, Custom Barrel Boise Rose Barrel, Seguin Moreau ICON Elegance, Oanowood Jupille, Taransaud Ref 122, Boutes Selection, Sylvain Signature

Élevage: 27 months

Rootstock: 420A and 1103P