

94-96^{PTS}
ROBERT PARKER'S
WINE ADVOCATE

DAOU

Reserve

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

THE WINE | The 2021 DAOU Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon is emblematic of Paso Robles as a world-class region for Bordeaux-style wines. Intense purple-red hues foreshadow deep aromas of black fruit, pomegranate, tobacco, mocha and bay leaf. Trailing notes of clove, nutmeg and vanilla emerge as the wine opens up in the glass. Opulent textures expand across the palate with flavors of red fruit, blueberry and chocolate-covered raspberry. The overall experience is fresh and rich, concluding with velvety tannins and impressive length.

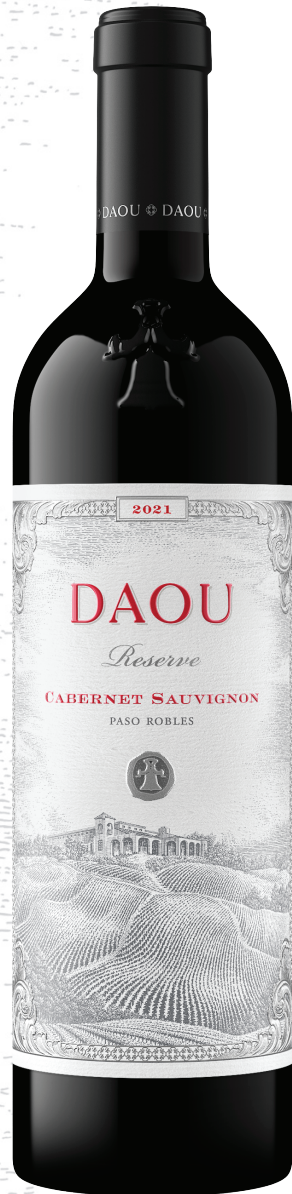
THE VINTAGE | DAOU Reserve wines come from DAOU Mountain as well as superior vineyards in select Paso Robles AVAs. Winemaker Daniel Daou personally oversees these vineyards, enabling him to consistently produce reserve-caliber wines of character and elegance. The 2021 growing season was preceded by a dry winter, with only one large storm system that provided 10 inches of rainfall in February. A period of light rain in July also replenished the soil with much-needed moisture. While the summer season was marked by periodic heat waves, the weather cooled down by mid August and remained that way through harvest, with maximum temperatures hovering in the 60s and 70s. This cooling trend allowed the fruit to enjoy exceptional hang time. In the end, we saw low yields with small berries, providing for structured wines with the promise of excellent staying power.

DAOU FAMILY ESTATES | Family owned and operated, DAOU Family Estates is committed to producing collectible, world-class wines to rival the most respected appellations in the world. Situated on a 212-acre hilltop estate in the Adelaida District of Paso Robles, our remarkable geology, favorable microclimate, and high elevation were once described by renowned California winemaker André Tchelistcheff as “a jewel of ecological elements.” As stewards of this beautiful terroir, DAOU’s goal is to make unique fine wines that honestly and accurately reflect the potential of the Estate and to craft Bordeaux style wines that combine Old World tradition with New World techniques.

VARIETALS | 77% Cabernet Sauvignon, 23% Petit Verdot

BARREL AGING | 18 months in 50% New French Oak

ALCOHOL | 14.9%



2021