

DAOU Vineyards

DAOU Vineyards Pessimist 2021 is a captivating blend from Paso Robles , delivering bold flavors of dark fruit, spice, and velvety richness, perfectly embodying the region's dynamic terroir and DAOU's innovative winemaking approach.

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Pessimist 2022

California, USA

Region and Vineyards

Paso Robles, located in California's Central Coast, is renowned for its warm days, cool nights, and diverse soils that create ideal growing conditions for bold red wines. The vineyards for the **Pessimist** blend are situated in elevated areas where limestone-rich soils contribute to the wine's signature structure and minerality. This region's Mediterranean climate, with its sharp diurnal temperature swings, allows the fruit to develop intense flavor concentration while retaining freshness and acidity.

The **2021 vintage** was marked by dry conditions and a long growing season, which yielded grapes of exceptional quality. Despite lower-than-average rainfall, the vines benefited from moderate temperatures, promoting even ripening and concentrated fruit flavors.

Winemaking

The **Pessimist 2021** blend consists of **76% Petite Sirah**, **12% Zinfandel**, **10% Syrah**, and **2% Lagrein**, with each varietal contributing distinct characteristics to the wine's complexity. Petite Sirah provides structure and dark fruit intensity, Zinfandel adds juiciness and spice, Syrah offers a touch of elegance, and Lagrein enhances depth and aromatics.

After a meticulous selection of the finest grapes, the wine was aged for **10 months in 50% new French oak barrels**, allowing for the integration of oak nuances with the fruit's natural richness. The result is a wine that is both robust and finely balanced, showcasing the best of Paso Robles winemaking.

Alcohol :14,90 %

Composition: 76% Petite Syrah, 12% Zinfandel, 10% Syrah

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Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Deep, inky purple with vivid ruby edges, reflecting its intensity and concentration.
- **Aromas**: Explosively aromatic, with notes of **blueberry**, **boysenberry**, and **black plum**, complemented by layers of **elderberry**, **cocoa**, **truffle**, and **cardamom spice**. Subtle hints of **eucalyptus**, **cherry pipe tobacco**, and **grilled meats** add complexity.
- **Palate**: Broad and opulent, delivering flavors of **black cherry**, **blueberry crème de cassis**, and **damp forest floor**. Notes of **lavender**, **anise**, and **black olive** further enhance its rich fruit profile. The wine's massive weight is matched by an elegant structure, leading to a smooth, lingering finish with hints of **blackberry**, **espresso bean**, and **pomegranate**.

Did you know?

The name **Pessimist** reflects the philosophical outlook that "a pessimist is never disappointed." DAOU Vineyards channels this sentiment into crafting a wine that consistently exceeds expectations, delivering an experience that leaves no room for disappointment.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Braised short ribs with rosemary and garlic**: Complements the wine's bold structure and savory depth.
- **Grilled lamb chops with herbes de Provence**: Highlights its herbaceous and spiced notes.
- **Wild mushroom ragout**: Enhances the wine's earthy and truffle-like undertones.
- **Dark chocolate tart with sea salt**: Balances its richness with a touch of sweetness and salt.

92 WINEENTHUSIAST

Wine Enthusiast (WE) : 92 Points (2022)

This bottling delivers the ripe power that so many want in a package that's balanced by savory elements. Dense aroma of tar, char, asphalt, cassis and cocoa show on the nose. The palate is rich and creamy, loaded with coffee bean, coconut husk and baked fruit flavors.

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Robert Parker (RP) : 92 Points (2021)

The 2021 Pessimist is a blend of 75% Petite Sirah, 10% Syrah, 11% Zinfandel, 2% Lagrein and 2% Malbec matured for 10 months in 60% new French oak. It has an opaque ruby-purple color and lush scents of cassis, blueberry jam, violet, lavender and hints of powdered sugar. The full-bodied palate is supple and fresh with gently candied fruits and a satisfying finish. This will be a crowd-pleaser.

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Jeb Dunnuck (JD) : 92 Points (2020)

Always a Petite Sirah-dominated wine, the 2020 Pessimist sports an inky purple color as well as a great, full-bodied style carrying wonderful blue fruits, spring flowers, spice, and vanilla aromas and flavors. It's textured, has ripe tannins, loads of fruit, and is about as sexy and gulpable as they come.

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