

DAOU Vineyards

Crafted with uncompromising precision, this vintage reveals the grandeur of high-elevation terroir and meticulous cellar work, resulting in a wine of balance, power, and longevity.

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Alcohol :14,90 %

Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Patrimony Cabernet Sauvignon 2021

California, USA

Region and Vineyards

The wine originates from DAOU Mountain in the **Adelaida District of Paso Robles**, one of California's most celebrated terroirs for Bordeaux varieties. Perched at elevations exceeding 600 meters, the vineyards benefit from calcareous clay soils of marine origin and dramatic diurnal shifts that preserve acidity while achieving full phenolic ripeness.

The 2021 growing season was defined by a dry winter, punctuated by a single major storm in February and a rare July shower that revitalized the soils. Summer heatwaves were tempered by a cooling trend from mid-August, allowing grapes extended hang time. Small berries and naturally low yields resulted in remarkable concentration and varietal purity. The mountain's reputation for producing some of the **highest phenolic levels in the world** underpins the wine's intensity, depth, and longevity.

Winemaking

Patrimony Cabernet Sauvignon 2021 is **100% Cabernet Sauvignon**, sourced from rigorously selected rows of the estate. Only free-run juice is used after aggressive thinning and meticulous optical sorting, with fermentation conducted exclusively by wild yeasts cultured on DAOU Mountain, enhancing native character.

Élevage lasted **30 months in 100% new French oak**, sourced from elite cooperages including Taransaud, Berger, ANA Jupille, and custom-made Patrimony barrels. These rare barrels, many with extended seasoning and bespoke toasts, ensure seamless oak integration and remarkable complexity. This long élevage, combined with restrained intervention, preserves the **pure essence of the fruit while layering structure and aromatic finesse**.

Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Deep garnet with brilliant clarity and concentration.
- **Aroma**: Red currant, cherry preserve, and plum intermingle with fresh tobacco leaf, star anise, lavender, sagebrush, and a mineral edge.
- **Palate**: Extravagantly layered with cherry, blueberry, baking spice, smoked meat, and salted dark chocolate. Silky tannins, vibrant acidity, and perfectly integrated oak culminate in an enduring, triumphant finish.

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Did you know?

The Patrimony label represents the **crown jewel of the Daou brothers' vision**, established to rival First Growth Bordeaux in quality. In 2023, DAOU Vineyards was acquired by **Treasury Wine Estates for $1 billion**, marking one of the most significant wine acquisitions of the decade and positioning Patrimony as a global luxury brand.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Prime rib roast**: The wine's depth and umami resonance mirror the richness of slow-roasted beef.
- **Braised short ribs**: The tannic structure pairs beautifully with the succulence of slow-cooked meats.
- **Venison with blackberry reduction**: Game flavors echo the wild herb and dark fruit notes of the wine.
- **Dark chocolate truffles**: The bittersweet, silky richness highlights the wine's cocoa and spice undertones.



Robert Parker (RP) : 96 Points (2021)

The 2021 is a barrel sample of Cabernet Sauvignon maturing for 30 months in 100% new French oak. It unfolds slowly on the nose to reveal redcurrants, cherry preserves, fresh tobacco leaves, aniseed, sagebrush and lavender. The full-bodied palate has a core of perfumed berry fruit structured by generous, powdery tannins and energetic acidity, and it finishes with alluring floral nuances. It is due to be bottled in March of 2024.



Jeb Dunnuck (JD) : 99 Points (2020)

The 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon is cut from the same cloth as the 2019, yet is perhaps richer and more expansive, with slightly less elegance. Currants, chocolate, toasted spices, and tobacco all define this beauty, and it has full-bodied richness, flawlessly integrated oak, good acidity, and a great finish. Anyone doubting the quality that can be achieved in Cabernet Sauvignon from Paso Robles owes it to themselves to try one of these wines.Barrel Sample: 97-99



James Suckling (JS) : 95 Points (2020)

A well-composed cabernet sauvignon with aromas of berries, plums, cassis, pencil lead and stones. Full-bodied with fine, firm tannins. Generous array of ripe berries, spices and some chocolate intermingle on the palate. Slightly chewy towards the finish. Try after 2025.