



DAOU Vineyards

DAOU Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon is a showcase of the finest vineyard blocks in Paso Robles, delivering an opulent and beautifully balanced expression of this world-class region for Bordeaux varietals.

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Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 2022

California, USA

Region and Vineyards

The **Paso Robles AVA** is known for its diverse terroirs, benefitting from a Mediterranean climate influenced by coastal breezes. The vineyards experience sharp diurnal temperature swings of up to **50 degrees Celsius**, which allow the fruit to develop concentrated flavors while retaining freshness and acidity.

This vintage began with winter drought conditions, alleviated by timely rains in March and April that rejuvenated the soils. A later-than-usual bud break was followed by normal spring and summer patterns until an intense 10-day heatwave in early September. This challenging growing season tested winemaking expertise, ultimately yielding a "winemaker's vintage" with wines that display power, balance, and complexity.

The fruit for this Cabernet Sauvignon comes from carefully selected vineyards across Paso Robles, including **DAOU Mountain**. Sustainable farming practices, **calcareous soils**, and **high-density plantings** ensure optimal ripeness and structure in the grapes.

Winemaking

The **Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon** underwent a meticulous winemaking process, starting with hand-harvesting at peak ripeness. After fermentation, the wine was aged for **18 months in 50% new French oak barrels**, enhancing its depth and imparting a luxurious texture.

The oak regimen, combined with expert craftsmanship, highlights the interplay between fruit and tannins, ensuring seamless integration. The result is a wine of remarkable finesse, showcasing both the terroir's innate qualities and the winemaker's artistry.

Alcohol :15,20 %

Composition: 77% Cabernet
Sauvignon, 23% Petit Verdot



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Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep ruby red with a brilliant clarity and dense hue.
- **Aromas:** A fruit-forward bouquet of **blackberry**, **raspberry**, and **plum**, complemented by notes of **licorice**, **vanilla**, and **thyme**, with hints of **cedar** and **minerality**.
- **Palate:** Layers of **black fruit**, **chocolate-covered blueberries**, and herbal undertones unfold with every sip. The finely structured tannins provide a velvety texture, leading to a lingering finish with touches of **spice** and **earthy complexity**.

Did you know?

The **DAOU Reserve Collection**, including this Cabernet Sauvignon, represents the highest level of winemaking at DAOU Vineyards, showcasing only the finest fruit from their estate and select vineyard blocks. Each bottle reflects the Daou family's relentless pursuit of excellence and their deep connection to the land.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Grilled ribeye with rosemary butter:** Complements the wine's bold structure and savory notes.
- **Lamb tagine with prunes and almonds:** Enhances its fruit complexity and warm spice profile.
- **Portobello mushroom risotto:** Matches its earthy undertones and velvety finish.
- **Dark chocolate fondant:** Balances its richness and highlights its dark fruit and mocha nuances.

James Suckling (JS) : 95 Points (2022)



Fruit- and spice-driven, with aromas of blackberry compote, cigar box, cloves and violets. The palate is full-bodied with seamless tannins and integrated acidity, showing notes of blood plums, blueberries and graphite.

Robert Parker (RP) : 94 Points (2022)



The 2022 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve is a barrel sample of 77% Cabernet Sauvignon and 23% Petit Verdot maturing for 16 months in 50% new French oak and is due to be bottled in the spring of 2024. The nose offers wild berry fruit streaked with graphite and nuances of truffle, forest floor and oak spices. The full-bodied palate is highly concentrated and floral, with approachable, clay-textured tannins, satisfying bursts of acidity and a long, perfumed finish. Barrel Sample: 92-94



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Wine Enthusiast (WE) : 95 Points (2021)

Dark and focused aromas of cherry, clove and caramel meet with creamy milk chocolate and mahogany on the layered nose of this bottling. Showing a deft mastery of tannins, which is the Daou hallmark, the palate is silky and yet structured, offering rich fruit and lightly bitter walnut flavors.?



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