

# DAOU

VINEYARDS & WINERY

## 2013 DAOU RESERVE AUX

### THE WINE

This Rhône-style wine shows off its Paso Robles heritage with a gorgeous, opulent nose of rose petal, cherry cola, red delicious apple and vanilla. A wet stone minerality provides support and structure for these floral aromas. Full bodied, with firm but fine-grained tannins, this wine provides bountiful black plum, boysenberry and Bing cherry flavors, accompanied by nuances of espresso bean and toffee. The powerful mid-palate transitions seamlessly to a delicate finish of remarkable purity of fruit. This wine will age gracefully.

### THE VINTAGE

The 2013 vintage was one of the driest years on record. The lack of water caused early bud break, as well as smaller clusters and berries known for making wines with intense flavors and concentrated dark fruit. An unexpected storm brought relief in May and allowed our soils to retain some moisture for the warm summer months. Overall, the temperatures during the growing season were ideal with August bringing temperatures in the 70s and low 80s. These cooler temperatures allowed plenty of hang time on the vine for the grapes to fully mature. Harvest began on September 10th and ended October 4th, giving DAOU Mountain a blockbuster 2013 vintage. All the elements came together to make “once-in-a-lifetime” wines with integrated tannins and silky structure that will withhold substantial aging.

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Family owned and operated, DAOU Vineyards 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.

### VARIETAL(S)

71% Syrah, 24% Grenache, and 5% Mourvèdre

### BARREL AGING

16 months in 60% new French oak

### ALCOHOL

14.7%

