

2020 VINTAGE

SOUL OF A LION | TEN YEARS FIERCE

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PTS

Wine
Enthusiast

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

The 2020 vintage marks the 10th anniversary of Soul of a Lion, the true crown jewel of DAOU. It is an emblem of our quest to relentlessly produce unsurpassed Cabernet Sauvignon from the terroir of DAOU Mountain.

This is the story of two sons, their beloved father, a history rooted in courage, and a wine called Soul of a Lion...

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

"The 2020 vintage presents an alluring profusion of black cherry, mulberry and Oregon blackberry aromas with notes of leather, cigar box and dark chocolate. Hints of desert sage and crème de menthe accent the rich fruit. The palate is silky and voluptuous, delivering loads of currant, cassis, black raspberry and ripe cherry. Notes of fig and baking spice are underscored by earthy tones of dates and truffle. Mature, ripe tannins yield a weighty, velvety texture integrated with a limestone minerality and subtle oak. A lengthy finish leaves lingering impressions of blackberry, plum and espresso with a touch of white pepper. A wine of immense staying power that will evolve favorably for many years to come."

Daniel J. Daou
Co-Proprietor / Winemaker

A ROARING VINTAGE

DAOU Estate wines showcase the visionary talent of Winemaker Daniel Daou and the unrivaled terroir of DAOU Mountain. These wines come from the mountain's finest vineyard blocks and are made with the utmost passion, investment and intention. The 2020 growing season began on a dry note, followed by much-needed rains in April that replenished the soils and set the stage for healthy canopy growth. Conditions through mid-summer remained mild and steady, with the exception of a rare August thunderstorm. Subsequent heat waves and distant wildfires put DAOU Mountain to the test heading into harvest, yet despite the challenges the 2020 vintage produced some of the most complex wines yet.

THE RELENTLESS PURSUIT OF THE EXTRAORDINARY

Hailed decades earlier as a "jewel of ecological elements" by legendary winemaker André Tchelistcheff, DAOU Mountain was rediscovered by brothers Georges and Daniel Daou in 2007. Their quest for a sublime terroir ended here, on steep slopes that ascend to an elevation of 2,200 feet, all blessed with the type of calcareous clay soil found in the greatest appellations. Driven by the brothers' passion for world-class, accessible wine, and their continuous innovation and artistry, the Adelaida District would soon become the world's newest benchmark for Cabernet Sauvignon and Bordeaux varieties.

Still family-owned and operated, in the relentless pursuit of the extraordinary we create exceptional wine, emotional connections and elevated experiences of life affirming joy.

WINEMAKER

Daniel Daou

VARIETALS

Cabernet Sauvignon 81%
Cabernet Franc 13%
Petit Verdot 6%

BARREL AGING

22 months in
100% new French oak

ABV

15.2%

ACCOLADES

97 pts Wine Enthusiast
95 pts Robert Parker's
Wine Advocate



"Soul of a Lion is named for our father Joseph, who exhibited unwavering love, passion and courage throughout our lives together. That pursuit of the extraordinary drove us to discover DAOU Mountain—and to embark on a dream decades in the making."

Georges J. Daou
Co-Proprietor



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