



DAOU

ESTATE

SOUL OF A LION



THE WINE | In the glass, this wine appears inky-black with a velvety core; however, on the nose, you are treated to the lightness of fresh violets, crushed blueberries, and cocoa. Complexity is confirmed on the palate with a combination of ripe blueberries and blackberries dusted with hints of cedar, tobacco, spice, and ash. Bright acidity, firm tannins, and moderate alcohol create a balanced structure with a long and seamless finish hinting of toasted vanilla and hazelnuts. Made from the best vines on DAOU Mountain, this wine beautifully showcases the characteristics of Cabernet Sauvignon as a varietal.

THE VINTAGE | The 2012 vintage rewarded us with a large and healthy crop. We dropped fruit four times throughout the growing season to balance the vines and concentrate flavors in the berries. The first heat wave in August caused sugars to progress quickly and required us to water for the first time that year. On August 24th, moderate temperatures, with daytime highs in the 80s and mildly cool nights, slowed sugar development and allowed tannins to develop nicely. Harvest lasted from September 1st to October 7th. The 2012 vintage allowed us to make beautifully robust wines concentrated in color and with plenty of structure. Allow these wines some time to age to unlock their true potential.

DAOU VINEYARDS & WINERY | Family owned and operated, DAOU Vineyards & Winery is committed to producing collectible, world-class wines to rival the most respected appellations in the world. DAOU Mountain's combination of remarkable geology, microclimate, a 2,200-foot elevation, and steep slopes gives it a terroir described as "a jewel of ecological elements." As stewards of this beautiful terroir, our goal is to make fine wines that honestly and accurately reflect the potential of the estate.

ACCOLADES | 94 points, *Connoisseurs' Guide to California Wine*

VARIETAL(S) | 97% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Petit Verdot

BARREL AGING | 22 months in 100% new French oak

COOPERS | Sylvain, Boutes, Taransaud, Special DAOU Barrell

ALCOHOL | 14.5%

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