

DAOU PESSIMIST 2018



WINEMAKER VINTAGE DESCRIPTION

2018 may go in history as the longest season yet. A good amount of rain fell in the region which gave to a later bud break in April. The vines were energized by the much needed moisture, setting one of our best crops yet. The weather remained steady from spring through June. Then we received a long heat wave that fortunately did not affect the quality of the grapes due to the fact that it was before the start of veraison. A cooling trend ensued for the rest of the season right after the heatwave, prolonging the hang time leading into harvest. The long hang time yielded deep color and concentration with dense wines. The tannins are silky and beautifully integrated. As a result, 2018 was an exceptional vintage that really highlights the aromatics and acidity of the wines.

APPEARANCE, AROMA AND TASTING NOTE

The 2018 Pessimist is inky and dark aubergine in color. A powerhouse vintage with a plethora of fruit showcasing blueberry, boysenberry, plum and strawberry. Smoky notes of truffle and roasted coffee are accompanied by accents of floral consisting of lavender and lilac, highlighted by underlying nuances of buttered toast, vanilla, and a breath of cool wintergreen. A veritable cascade of juicy berries, red cherries and huckleberries flood the palate while a river of lush fruit flavors overflow its banks. Voluptuous and robust while tempered with grace and elegance; a true gentle giant. The purity of fruit is elevated by its silky texture and hints of kirsch and cassis, olive and fennel. This wine displays a well-rounded and balanced finish that offers essences of blueberry and cranberry with prodigious persistence.

WINE INFORMATION

Country:	USA
Region:	California
Sub Region:	Paso Robles
Wine Type:	Red wine
Producer:	DAOU
Wine Name:	DAOU Pessimist
Vintage:	2018
Principle Grape (%):	Petite Sirah (62)
Secondary Grape (%):	Zinfandel (20)
Tertiary Grape (%):	Syrah (16)
Additional Grapes (%):	Lagrein (2)
Closure:	Cork
Winemaker Name:	Daniel Daou
ABV (%)	15.00%
Bottle Size:	75cl
Case/Pack Size:	6x75cl

WINE SCORES

Wine Advocate:	92 points
Matthew Jukes:	18 points