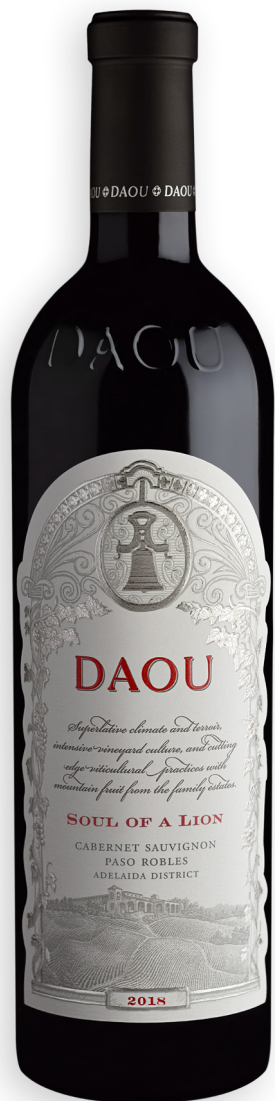


# DAOU SOUL OF A LION 2018



## WINE INTRODUCTION

Soul of a Lion is the crown jewel of DAOU, named after the father of Georges and Daniel Daou. True to Soul of a Lion's reputation as DAOU's most coveted Cabernet Sauvignon, the 2018 vintage is nothing short of a tour de force. It is the kind of awe-inspiring, age-worthy Cabernet Sauvignon that Georges and Daniel envisioned when they first began researching the terroir of DAOU Mountain.

## WINEMAKER VINTAGE NOTE

The 2018 vintage may go in history as the longest season yet. A good amount of rain fell on DAOU Mountain which led to a later bud break in April. The vines were energised by the much-needed moisture, setting one of our best crops yet. The weather remained steady from spring through June when we received a long heat wave that fortunately did not affect the quality of the grapes due to the fact that it occurred before the start of veraison. A cooling trend ensued for the rest of the season right after the heatwave prolonging the hanging time and the harvest to October. The result was our latest harvest ever on the mountain, reaching all the way into the third week of October. The long hang time yielded deep color and concentration with dense wines. The tannins are silky and beautifully integrated. As a result the 2018 vintage was an exceptional vintage that gave way to powerful and balanced wines.

## WINEMAKING NOTE

Aged for 22 months in 100% new French oak.

## APPEARANCE, AROMA AND TASTING NOTE

This wine displays all the hallmarks of its cooler growing season- richness, elegance and balance. A dark, purple-black hue foreshadows the experience to come. Intense aromas of lilac, violet and spice swirl amid a deep, complex bouquet. The palate bursts with prodigious flavors of blueberry, boysenberry, plum, vanilla bean and chocolate-covered cherry, all underlain by striking minerality. Silky, integrated tannins unwind into an impossibly long finish, revealing both the power and finesse of its DAOU Mountain provenance.

## WINE INFORMATION

Country:	USA
Region:	California
Sub Region:	Paso Robles
Wine Type:	Red wine
Producer:	DAOU
Wine Name:	DAOU Soul of a Lion
Vintage:	2018
Principle Grape (%):	Cabernet Sauvignon (75)
Secondary Grape (%):	Cabernet Franc (15)
Tertiary Grape (%):	Petit Verdot (10)
Closure:	Cork
Winemaker Name:	Daniel Daou
ABV (%)	14.70%
Bottle Size:	75cl
Case/Pack Size:	6x75cl

## WINE SCORES

Wine Enthusiast:	96 points
Jeb Dunnock:	96+ points
Robert Parker:	94-96 points
James Suckling:	95 points
Wine Advocate:	97+ points