



DAOU

ESTATE
MAYOTE



THE WINE | Aromas of black currants and crushed blueberries invite you to explore the complexity and depth of this alluring wine. Black plums and blackberries greet your palate as a revue of flavors follow: peppercorns, cedar box, tobacco leaves, ash, licorice, and spice all make their debut and linger just long enough for you to know they were there. Bright acidity and firm, open tannins combine to create a seamless texture that balances intense fruit with DAOU Mountain structure.

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 | 95 points, *Connoisseurs' Guide to California Wine*

VARIETAL(S) | 45% Syrah, 43% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Petit Verdot

BARREL AGING | 22 months in 100% new French oak

COOPERS | Sylvain, Boutes, Taransaud, François Frères

ALCOHOL | 14.7%

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