

DAOSA Natural Réserve 3rd Release

This is the third release of our DAOSA Natural Réserve from our Piccadilly Valley vineyards. This wine is a Pinot Noir and Chardonnay blend, made following the principles of our Method ClassicTM. The wine shows classic Pinot Noir characters with subtle strawberry notes on the middle palate, tempered by a fine bead and a beautiful complexity and length from the Réserve wines. A classic example of Australian sparkling wine, made in the traditional method.

Harvest date:

Early March 2018.

Vineyard description:

The fruit is sourced from 5 different vineyard sites in the Piccadilly Valley, most of them with eastern aspects. All vineyards are on clay soils, with the geological formations mainly Basket Range Sandstone, Woolshed Flat Shale or Barossa Complex. All the vineyards are at a minimum altitude of 500m, and were planted in the 1980s and 1990s. The Piccadilly vineyards are all managed by Terre à Terre, following the same strict management practices as the Crayères Vineyard, i.e. hand pruning (Guyot Double), shoot thinning, green harvest to control yields, and hand harvesting.

Vintage description:

The climate in the Piccadilly Valley has a long-term average of 1,172 degree days during the growing season. Yearly rainfall is approximately 1,100mm. The 2018 vintage which represents 77% of this batch of DAOSA Natural Réserve was warmer than average, and the fruit had very ripe flavours with a balanced acidity. The remaining 23% of the blend is composed of Reserve Chardonnay and Pinot Noir from the 2017 and 2016 vintages, aged in oak without sulphur until tiraging in February 2019.

Winemaking:

DAOSA is made following the *Méthode Traditionnelle* (Method ClassicTM), the method used in the Champagne region of France. Perfectly ripe Pinot Noir fruit for sparkling was handharvested in early March 2018. The fruit was whole bunch pressed, retaining only 560L per tonne of fruit pressed. This gave very fresh acidity, clean juice and good primary fruit characters in the juice prior to fermentation. The juice was fermented cool in a stainless-steel tank. Once primary fermentation was completed, the wine went through malolactic fermentation in tank. Before tiraging, the wine was blended (*assemblage*) with some 2016 and 2017 Réserve Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, aged in old barrels without sulphur. The wine was then "tiraged" in February 2019 by the addition of yeast and sugar to the wine just before bottling in order to induce the secondary fermentation in bottle. The resultant sparkling wine was aged for 18 months in bottle before being disgorged with the addition of a low dosage of 7g/L in August 2020.

Cellaring Potential:

2-5 years

Food Pairing ideas:

Chicken breast and thigh "en roulade" with black truffles.

Orange duck breasts with pan seared endives.

Grape Varieties:

Pinot Noir (83%) and Chardonnay (17%)

Closure:

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