

# Pessimist

2022

*When they were children Georges & Daniel's home was hit by one of the first bombs in the Lebanese Civil War. Both brothers suffered grave injuries and as a result of the bombing the family fled to France. This dark and impactful time in their history, inspires Pessimist.*

*Pessimist beautifully encapsulates our defiant and rebellious spirit. Although along our journey our cup may have looked half empty, this was not because we were down and out. This was because we were drinking in everything life has to offer, savoring every drop, and striving to create something extraordinary.*

*With Pessimist, we wanted to create a wine so deliciously different that your cup is perpetually half empty. A wine that elevates your expectations with every single sip.*

## Wine Profile

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The 2022 vintage delivers yet another bewitching blend with trademark Pessimist flair. An intensely aromatic nose begins with fragrances of blueberry, boysenberry and black plum. Deeper layers reveal lavender, truffle, cocoa and tamarind spice with hints of cherry pipe tobacco, leather, mint and smoked meats. A bright, vibrant palate offers generous flavors of black cherry, cranberry, crème de cassis and pomegranate. Notes of lilac, anise and black olive complement the rich fruit while the mouth is flooded with lush, silky textures. Lingering accents of blueberry and raspberry round out this elegantly balanced wine.

## The Vintage

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The 2022 growing season was initially marked by winter drought conditions that were alleviated by rains in late March and April—a miracle happenstance that replenished the soils and set the pace for healthy vine canopies to come. A later-than-usual bud break was followed by normal spring and summer weather patterns through August. Finally, a September heat wave prompted an early harvest that put Daniel's ingenuity, artistry and experience to the test. In the end, 2022 was a winemaker's vintage, yielding elegantly flavorful and balanced wines that prove the importance of mastering grape growing and winemaking.

## The Vineyards

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Pessimist comes from standout vineyards and districts across the Paso Robles AVA, drawing upon multifaceted terroirs that bring natural complexity to the wine. Winemaker Daniel Daou's mastery of blending is on full display in this wine, which perfectly exhibits the best characteristics of multiple grape varieties—dark and robust Petite Sirah; fresh and jammy Zinfandel; and meaty and savory Syrah. Pessimist is ultimately a nod to the roots of Paso Robles as a region originally renowned for its Zinfandels and Rhône-style blends.



**92 points**

*Wine Enthusiast*

### Aging

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10 months in 50% new French oak

### Alcohol %

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14.9%

### Varietals

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60% Petite Sirah, 22% Zinfandel, 16% Syrah, 2% Lagrein

### AVA

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Paso Robles

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