



Description

2018 Phoenix opens with aromas of cedar, cherries, and star anise evolving into graphite and candied violets. Vibrant, energetic, and savory, Phoenix is super-expressive and complex. It is rich in flavor but athletic, finishing with firm but very fine tannins.

Technical Information

Harvest: September 21st & 24th; October 2nd, 10th, 13th & 20th

Vineyard: An assemblage of 5 different estate vineyards

Blend: 60% Merlot & 40% Cabernet Franc

Alcohol: 14.6%

pH: 3.79

TA: 5.67

Retail price: \$65

Production: 1110 cases (12pks/750ml)

Winemaking Process

Merlot and Cabernet Franc were hand-picked at night, hand-sorted and fermented using native yeasts. The wine was barreled down to 80% new Darnajou, François Frères, Sylvain, and Taransaud French oak barrels. The wine was blended after 15 months and bottled after a total of 20 months in barrel.

93+ points, Wine Advocate

Medium to deep garnet-purple colored, the nose is redolent of warm plums, black cherries, and black raspberries with suggestions of garrigue, menthol, pencil lead and roses. Medium-bodied, velvety and with great freshness, the palate delivers vibrant, crunchy fruit and a good long, mineral-tinged finish.

93 points, Antonio Galloni, Vinous

93 points, Wine Spectator