

JONATA

BALLARD CANYON, SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

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2023 JONATA FENIX BORDEAUX-STYLE RED BLEND *“Phoenix”*

WINEMAKER NOTES

Wild and exuberant black fruit leads the way. Blackberry, mocha, scorched earth and clove. Silky and mouth-filling. Nothing lacking from this blend as the merlot brings an abundance of broad and sumptuous dark fruit. The Cabernet sauvignon in the blend brings structural integrity and a level of regal power. The small addition of cabernet franc packs a mighty punch with its herbal nuance and complexity. Dusty and earthy with dried porcini, graphite and loamy qualities alongside black plum. Like all the 23 reds, this is remarkably intense, concentrated and young. This Fenix will certainly reward patience (or a few hours in the decanter). Superb vintage from the remaining merlot blocks at JONATA.

- Winemaker, Matt Dees

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Cases: 1,411

Blend: 78% Merlot, 17% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Cabernet Franc

Alcohol: 14.5%

Appellation: Ballard Canyon, Santa Ynez Valley

Barrel Regime: 20 months in 45% new French oak, 55% twice used French oak, 225L



ACCOLADES

96+ POINTS

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