

BALLARD CANYON, SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

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2020 JONATA FENIX BORDEAUX-STYLE RED BLEND

"Phoenix"

WINEMAKER NOTES

Packed with black fruit, mint and notes of fresh turned soil. Incense and iodine. Texturally this wine is unmatched in the stable of JONATA red wines. It absolutely covers the entire palate with joyous and vibrant dark and dense fruit. It has to be tasted to be believed. It saturates with the power of its fruit, but then remains buoyant and lifted by freshness and energy. It is naturally rich, but never over the top or flamboyant. Notes of graphite, dark chocolate and espresso bean. It finishes up with lift and vibrancy, forgiving tannins and dusty black fruit. In 2020, the merlot again makes a strong claim to be the finest red grape on the property. At 96% merlot, this is its loudest statement to date. Enjoy this beauty tonight or put in the cellar and revisit in a few years to witness and enjoy its evolution.

- Winemaker, Matt Dees

FENIX MERLOT BALLARD CANYON SANTA YNEZ VALLEY 2020

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Cases: 775

Blend:

96% Merlot (cl. 181, 314) 4% Cabernet Sauvignon (cl. 4, 337)

Alcohol: 14.1%

Appellation: Ballard Canyon, Santa Ynez Valley **Barrel Regime:** 60% new French oak, 40% twice

used French oak (225L)

ACCOLADES

96-98 POINTS June 2022 Antonio Galloni **Vinous**

94-96+ POINTS August 2022 Jeb Dunnuck **jebdunnuck.com**