

BALLARD CANYON, SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

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2022 JONATA FENIX BORDEAUX-STYLE RED BLEND

"Phoenix"

WINEMAKER NOTES

Explosive brambles. Ripe red raspberry and essence of blackberry, Shiro plum, and cedar. Approachable today with a massive wall of fruit. Structured and upright. Blackcurrant and a hint of baking spice. Dark chocolate/cocoa tannins. Expansive on the palate, much like the Alma, but with more breadth from the merlot. Generous and supple. Salty and espresso-like. Very sincere expression of merlot from the Jonata property with its balance between expansive black fruit and dusty, lingering, gentle tannins. Rich and suave, with an earthy bay leaf edge. Reminiscent of 2012 and 2013 in its magnitude and expression of fruit.

- Winemaker, Matt Dees



TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Cases: 888

Blend:

70% Merlot, 27% Cabernet Sauvignon,

3% Cabernet Franc

Alcohol: 14.1%

Appellation: Ballard Canyon, Santa Ynez Valley **Barrel Regime:** 20 months in 50% new French oak,

50% twice used French oak, 225L

ACCOLADES

96 POINTS July 2024 Antonio Galloni **Vinous**

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