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NV Phoenix



The Vintage

In 2020, 10.1 million acres of CA was consumed by wildfire. Many vineyards were devoured by the beast while others were strangled by smoke. Ours was one of them. Just as a Phoenix obtains new life by arising from the ashes of its predecessor, so too does the creation of our new Phoenix label; an extended aged Cabernet Franc. Label design by Robin Phanco.

The Wine

Although we lost our red fruit in 2020, we were lucky to know this prior to our bottling our 2019 vintage. In what had become the catchphrase for 2020, we had to pivot. That pivot included holding back a portion of our 2019 Classic Cabernet Franc for an additional year in barrel. To this base wine, we added 2021 Merlot, skipping over the 2020 vintage entirely.

The Winemaking Process

Blend: 79% Cabernet Franc (2019), 21% Merlot (2021)
Harvest: October 22, 2019, October 12, 2021
pH: 3.84 Brix: 26.7
TA: 0.62g/ml Alcohol: 14.3%
Bottled: February 14, 2022
Aged in 20% new French oak.

Tasting Notes

The medium body wine is luscious on the palate. The structure, mainly dictated by the Cabernet Franc brings the typical plum, mocha and graphite. While the Merlot enhances the mocha it also adds a lovely blackberry to the mix. The finish lingers. A lighter bodied wine than our Classic Cabernet Franc, but full of flavors that you have come to expect from Dracaena Wines. Sip this with anything from a sirloin steak, to pulled pork or even Lori's favorite butternut squash.