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## 2022 Phoenix

### The Vintage

The 2022 vintage began with ideal weather, but a triple-digit heat wave in summer pushed ripening ahead of schedule. When the heat finally broke on September 10th, it brought much-needed relief, yet posed tough harvest decisions. While high temperatures led to elevated sugars, phenolic ripeness lagged behind, challenging balance in the final wine. Many sleepless nights were spent weighing the risks, ultimately shaping a complex and unique vintage.

### The Wine

Phoenix symbolizes renewal and rebirth, originally created after our vineyard was lost to smoke. Now, it represents a fresh, creative start each vintage—exploring unique styles we love in extremely limited production.

### The Winemaking Process

Blend:	50% Grenache, 25% Merlot, 25% Tannat		
Brix:	26.7	Alcohol:	14.3
pH:	3.84	TA:	6.2g/L
Aged in 20% new French oak.		Bottled:	April 25, 2024

### Tasting Notes

Our 2022 Phoenix is a blend which unites three distinct grapes, each showcasing its best traits. Grenache offers alluring floral aromatics, while Merlot delivers lush red fruit on the palate. Tannat, known as the "dusty cowboy," adds strength, boldness, and structure, giving the wine a powerful finish. Together, they create a harmonious and expressive wine that balances elegance, fruit, and backbone in every sip.



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