

Fairest Creature

SINE FINE *by Benoit Touquette*

The great poet from Tang Dynasty Po Chü-i writes:

*On high, we'd be two love birds flying wing to wing,
On earth, two trees with branches twined from spring to spring.*

Inseparable birds are a classic symbol of love and intimacy in Chinese culture. With one set of wings, the blue bird and the red bird are bound together forever, and will never separate. Like the birds, the intense passion and love of our newlywed friend Benoit Touquette has been beautifully translated into this wine.

VINTAGE NOTES

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TASTING NOTES

Vibrant blue and black fruits evolve into a deep core with roasted herbs, dark chocolate, graphite, and tobacco notes. This rich, full-bodied wine is seamlessly layered, offering a supple mid-palate and a lingering finish. The wine presents a blend of purity, elegance, richness, and depth.

COMPOSITION

Vintage:	2019
Varietal:	Cabernet Sauvignon
Appellation:	Napa Valley
Alcohol:	15.5%
Production:	3,000 bottles
Aging:	20 months in 72% new French oak barrels

Jayson Hu, Proprietor
Benoit Touquette, Winemaker



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PERIHELIOS *by Thomas Rivers Brown*

In the first chapter of his famous work, *The Zhuangzi*, Chinese Taoist philosopher Zhuang Tzu describes a gigantic sea creature so vast in size that its body is an unknown number of miles long. In a passage entitled “The Carefree Excursion,” Zhuang chronicles the transformation of this sea creature, K’un, into an equally immense bird, Peng:

When it rouses itself and flies, its wings obscure the sky like clouds.

A symbol of incredible strength and magnitude, K’un represents Thomas’s wine, Perihelios.

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This wine offers a sun-kissed, seductive style with ripe blue fruits, violets, hints of orange blossom, herbal notes, tobacco, and chocolate undertones. It stands out as one of the more voluptuous and captivating wines in the collection, showcasing a full-bodied character with impeccable tannins, ample mid-palate richness, and an enduring finish. Enjoy this exhilarating wine at any occasion over the next twenty years or beyond.

COMPOSOTION

Vintage:	2019
Varietal:	Cabernet Sauvignon
Appellation:	Napa Valley
Alcohol:	15.6%
Production;	3,000 bottles
Aging:	20 months in 73% new French oak barrels

Jayson Hu, Proprietor
Thomas Rivers Brown, Winemaker



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POLYSPLINE *by Philippe Melka*

In the country of green hills lives the fox with nine tails.

This line from the ancient Chinese text, Classic of Mountains and Waters, tells of a nine-tailed fox that is said to only appear during peaceful times, under benevolent rulers. Rarely seen, the mysterious fox is recognized as an auspicious sign.

The sensation of sipping Philippe's wine, Polyspline, is one of out-of-this-world grace. It's a rare, precious, fleeting moment, much like catching sight of a nine-tailed fox.

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TASTING NOTES

This wine is a dark, imposing presence, exuding intense aromas of rich black fruits, chocolate, camphor, smoked tobacco, and spicy oak. Its full-bodied nature is matched by powerful tannins, substantial mid-palate richness, impeccable balance, and a remarkable finish. This isn't a wine for immediate satisfaction, but rather a seriously impressive bottle deserving of patience. For optimal enjoyment, cellar it for 5-7 years to unlock its full potential, where it will reward with two to three decades of superb drinking experience.

COMPOSITION

Vintage:	2019
Varietal:	94% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Petit Verdot
Appellation:	Napa Valley
Alcohol:	15.3%
Production;	2,800 bottles
Aging:	20 months in 74% new French oak barrels

Jayson Hu, Proprietor
Philippe Melka, Winemaker



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TRINICEROS *by Michel Rolland*

Michel Rolland blends Fairest Creature's flagship wine by picking the best barrel selection from each of our three renowned winemakers. It is only available en magnum and is extremely limited in production.

Triniceros is derived from the Latin roots trini (three) and ceros (horns), and symbolizes the three virtuosos behind this wine. His image is modeled after the Qilin, a revered creature from Chinese mythology that represents good fortune and wisdom. This hybrid beast has the head of a dragon, the body of a tiger or a deer, and an ox's tail.

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TASTING NOTES

This wine presents a captivating blend of red and black fruits, showcasing remarkable complexity with notes of tobacco, toasted spices, herbal nuances, and hints of lead pencil. Its profound richness and opulence are complemented by flawless balance, velvety yet well-structured tannins, a generous mouthfeel, and an astonishingly enduring finish. It is a wine of exceptional quality that can be enjoyed at any time over the next two to two and a half decades.

COMPOSITION

Vintage:	2019
Varietal:	Cabernet Sauvignon
Appellation:	Napa Valley
Alcohol:	16%
Production:	8,99 en magnum only
Aging:	20 months in 80% new French oak barrels

Jayson Hu, Proprietor
Michel Rolland, Winemaker

