

AVRAE

THE SPIRIT OF BELLE GLOS

CALIFORNIA BRANDY—VSOP—AGED FOUR YEARS

JOE WAGNER'S GRANDMOTHER, LORNA BELLE GLOS WAS A MENTOR AND INSPIRATION FOR BELLE GLOS PINOT NOIR. BELLE GLOS IS AN OPULENT EXPRESSION OF PINOT NOIRS PRODUCED FROM WORLD-CLASS COASTAL WINE-GROWING REGIONS OF CALIFORNIA. AVRAE WAS BORN IN THE VINEYARDS OF SONOMA AND IS THE "SPIRIT OF BELLE GLOS;" GROWN IN SONOMA, FERMENTED IN NAPA, DISTILLED IN MODESTO AND FINISHED IN BELLE GLOS PINOT NOIR BARRELS.

GRAPES ARE SOURCED FROM SONOMA COAST VINEYARDS

HARVESTED AT A LOWER THAN NORMAL LEVEL OF MATURITY FOR WINE TO MAINTAIN A HIGHER LEVEL OF ACID FOR OPTIMUM ESTER FORMATION PRESERVING THE FLORAL AND FRUIT FORWARD AROMAS IN THE FINAL SPIRIT

FERMENTED AT COPPER CANE'S NAPA WINERY

COLD AND SLOW FERMENTED TO AUGMENT MOUTH-FEEL AND PRESERVE FRUITINESS

THE WINE COMPLETES FULL MALO-LACTIC FERMENTATION TO BOLSTER PALATE WEIGHT

DOUBLE DISTILLED USING A 600 GALLON POT STILL WITH AN ONION SHAPED BRANDY HEAD TO ACHIEVE A HIGHER CONCENTRATION OF ESTERS, CAPTURING THE ESSENCE OF THE LAND

AGED IN 53 GALLON, NEW, MEDIUM, MEDIUM PLUS AND CHARRED TIGHT GRAIN FRENCH OAK BARRELS

FINISHED IN USED BELLE GLOS PINOT NOIR BARRELS, IMPARTING THE BRANDY WITH A DARK BROWN/REDDISH HUE

ALL BARRELS FOR THIS CUVÉE WERE AGED MINIMUM 4 YEARS

THIS BOTTLING IS OUR FIRST VINTAGE; ALL GRAPES WERE FROM THE 2016 HARVEST SEASON

AGED **4** YEARS
86 PROOF 43% ABV

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COLOR: DARK AUBURN WITH LOTS OF CONTRAST LIKE A SEXY REDHEAD WITH CREAMY SKIN

NOSE: PORT, DRIED DATES, ROASTED MACADAMIA NUTS, COCOA, VANILLA CAKE

BODY: MEDIUM TO FULL

PALATE: CARAMELIZED SUGAR AND BUTTER, CRÈME DE CASSIS, FIG AND BACON. BEAUTIFUL STRUCTURE, NOT TOO HEAVY, NOT TOO LIGHT, BUT PRESENT LIKE A GOOD THERAPIST. RED FRUIT AND BROWN SPICE LEAVE AND UNDYING ELEGANCE THROUGH THE LONG FINISH.

GENERAL: A WELL POLISHED BRANDY, WITH A QUIET, REBELLIOUS STREAK, LIKE GORDON GEKKO. IT ACTS ALL PROPER AND \$#!+, BUT ONCE IT HITS YOUR LIPS, THE INSIDER TRADING COMES OUT AND YOUR PALATE IS ENRICHED.

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