

Sale Name: Fine Wines & Spirits

LOT 288 - Joseph Phelps "Insignia" Vertical 1994-95-96-97-98-99 (6 bottles)



Estimate \$ 900 - 1200

Description

Joseph Phelps "Insignia" Vertical 1994-95-96-97-98-99 (6 bottles)

Joseph Phelps "Insignia" 1994

Napa Valley, St. Helena
750 ml / USA / 13.5% ABV

VN 93 | WA 98 | WS 93

"The 1994 boasts an inky/purple color along with a glorious nose of black raspberries, blackberries and black currants that is still somewhat primary despite nearly 18 years in bottle. The Phelps team kept this cuvee in 100% new French oak for 28 months. Its magnificent structure, intensity and purity of fruit, ripeness, balance combined with authoritative power and the magnetic appeal of this full-bodied, Bordeaux-styled wine are extraordinary. This amazing effort is just coming into its best years, and should drink well for at least another 15-20 years."

November 2013 (RP – Wine Advocate)

Joseph Phelps "Insignia" 1995

Napa Valley, St. Helena
750 ml / USA / 13.5% ABV

ST 91 | WA 98 | WS 94

"A wine of great intensity and richness, it displays classic notes of licorice, barbecue smoke, creme de cassis, cedarwood and forest floor. Full-bodied with sensational purity, a multidimensional mouthfeel and a long, voluptuous finish

with no hard edges, it has only reached mid-adolescence, and has at least two decades of life ahead of it."

November 2013 (RP – Wine Advocate)

Joseph Phelps "Insignia" 1996

Napa Valley, St. Helena

750 ml / USA / 13.5% ABV

WA 95 | WS 93

"Aged 22 months in 100% new French oak, this blend of 83% Cabernet Sauvignon and 17% Merlot reveals a powerful core of red and black fruits, dusty, loamy soil, lavender and a hint of toast. I would not describe it as elegant, but rather, it is a big, backstrapping, Cabernet Sauvignon-based wine that should continue to drink well for 15 or more years."

November 2013 (RP – Wine Advocate)

Joseph Phelps "Insignia" 1997

Napa Valley, St. Helena

750 ml / USA / 13.5% ABV

ST 94 | WA 100 | WE 95 | WS 97

"An inky/plum/purple color is accompanied by a stunning bouquet of violets, charcoal, creme de cassis and a hint of toast. Prodigious when it hits the palate with a full-bodied expansiveness, there is not a hard edge to be found in the 1997, only velvety tannins, compelling depth and fruit intensity, and stunning purity."

November 2013 (RP – Wine Advocate)

Joseph Phelps "Insignia" 1998

Napa Valley, St. Helena

750 ml / USA / 13.5% ABV

VN 91 | WA 92 | WS 92

"The 1998 displays a dark garnet color as well as notes of leafy tobacco, underbrush, black cherries and black currants. An elegant, mid-weight Insignia with sweet fruit, ripe tannin and interesting cedar, licorice and spice characteristics..."

November 2013 (RP – Wine Advocate)

Joseph Phelps "Insignia" 1999

Napa Valley, St. Helena

750 ml / USA / 13.5% ABV

ST 93 | WA 91 | WS 91

"The core of this offering tends to come from Rutherford-grown fruit. The saturated dense purple-colored 1999 offers a tight but promising nose of incense, spice box, black fruits, and vanilla. This elegant, stylish, and medium to full-bodied offering is made in a more French-like, finesse style..."

August 2002 (RP – Wine Advocate)

Proceeds from the sale of this lot are to the benefit of The Palliative Care Society of the Bow Valley.

Quantity: 1

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