

Rising from the ashes

The world's most expensive wine dinner aboard 90m M/Y PHOENIX 2



When the harbor is fully stacked, and yachts are at anchor for as far as the eye can see, with speedboats and tenders whizzing back and forth, creating white wakes in the azure Mediterranean Sea, you know the annual yachting circus, the world's most prestigious yacht show, has once more descended upon the Principality of Monaco.

With 117 superyachts moored in Port Hercules, one of the largest and most opulent vessels on display at the show is M/Y PHOENIX 2, the 90m / 295ft Lurssen that is listed for sale by Cecil Wright & Partners at a cool €124,950,000. Built in 2010, with a major refit in 2019, she features luxurious Art Deco styling throughout, with many nods to the NYC skyline, including the 'Manhattan Bar' with its Empire State / Chrysler building motifs on the back of the bar chairs, plus primarily black & white furnishings in materials that are plush, deep, soft and sleek throughout the yacht's 5 decks that include amenities such as a cinema, Spa, pool, Jacuzzi, elevator, helipad, and double-story Owner's suite.

The result is a lavish megayacht that's unlike anything else on the market... and the perfect setting for 2 exclusive evening receptions and the ultimate (U)HNW wine dinner. Hosting a slew of local and visiting billionaire families, family offices, plus yachting world 'royalty' in the form of renowned yacht builders, owners, designers, and more, the receptions featured large format bottles of Château d'Esclans rosé wines including Rock & Whispering Angel, plus the award-winning Garrus.

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The boutique winery has, since 2006, become a true cult estate with Loic on a mission to restore the great taste of 1855-era classification Bordeaux wines – before the onset of phylloxera – using native, ungrafted



Chris Cecil-Wright, Nancy Dotta, Lord Snowdon and guest



Above: Strolling band The Odd Socks International



Château d'Esclans' Alain Riviere, Adina Gheonea, & Paul Chevalier with MYG COO Annabelle Frankl

vines of varieties that were once commonly used in the region but many of which have since been outlawed. Using traditional methods, that include personally tilling the land with a mule, dinner guests were treated to a vertical that included 2007, 2011, and 2015 varieties, plus three bottles of Liber Pater 2018, of which only 720 bottles were produced, and which sells for €30,000 per bottle.

This all culminated in what is likely the world's most expensive wine dinner – per head – on one of the world's most incredible megayachts, in one of the world's most glamorous locations, during what is recognized as the most prestigious yacht show in the world.

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Above: The Bernstham Family and below: Master Wine Maker, Loic Pasquet

