



# YACOUBIAN-HOBBS

## 2018 YACOUBIAN-HOBBS, 'SARPINA' ARENI

Rind, Vayots Dzor, Armenia

Internationally renowned winemaker Paul Hobbs and the Yacoubian family journey to the Birthplace of Wine to craft modern, world-class wines from the indigenous varieties found in the high altitude, mineral-rich soils of Vayots Dzor, Armenia. Their newly planted vineyards grow a stone's throw away from the Areni-1 cave, the oldest known winery dating from over 6,000 years ago. With their local team, Paul and the Yacoubians are growing and crafting wines that confirm Armenia's part not only in the ancient history of winemaking, but in its very relevant present and future amongst the great wine regions of the world.



### Vineyards

- **Region:** Rind, Vayots Dzor
- **Elevation:** over 4,000 ft (1,300 m)
- **Soil:** Mineral rich volcanic soils with limestone deposits
- **Harvest dates:** November 13, 2018



### Winemaking

- **Aging:** 36 months in neutral French oak barrels
- **Bottled:** January 2022
- **Varietal Composition:**
  - **100% Areni** - an ancient variety indigenous to Armenia, Areni has adapted perfectly to the high altitude, mountainous region of Vayots Dzor, where the vines thrive on the rocky, mineral-rich, volcanic soils. This late-ripening grape makes fresh, elegant, structured wines with bright red fruit flavors, and a characteristic black pepper spice.

### Flavor Profile

- Complex aromas of blackcurrant, spiced plum, and cacao nib entice in this barrel-aged Areni. Layered notes of spiced fig, forest floor, and black pepper are balanced by dusty tannins and a lingering finish.