

JONATA

TIERRA 2012

BALLARD CANYON, SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

100% sangiovese

25% new French oak, 75% neutral French oak | 160 Cases Produced

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VINEYARD RUMINATIONS

2012 was one of those rare vintages when both quantity and quality were very high. In a year where Mother Nature gave us a beneficially stacked deck with basically uninterrupted sunshine and warm days, I believe we played our hand perfectly at Jonata.

What appeared to be three tons per acre turned out to be six+ tons at harvest in some other vineyards. At Jonata, we decided early in the growing season to make a move toward continued quality and thus went about a very vigorous yield-thinning followed by an equally aggressive green drop at veraison. The resulting small yields gave us wines that are densely packed with fruit, but also alive with an invigorating tension. Even at an early stage, many of them were already mesmerizing.

ON THE WINE

Full-bodied and dramatically structured sangiovese. Displays bright raspberry, smoky plum, and herbal notes of rosemary and sage on the nose. Plenty of complex and savory notes of prosciutto and fennel. It is still tight at this young stage and is obviously reserving some power for the future.

On the palate it explodes with pomegranate-like brightness with notes of sweet cherry. A savory and sea-like brininess arrives as well. Like all the 2012 blends, it is endowed with a wall of solid but forgiving tannins. This is really a monstrous sangiovese. A wine that offers the consumer a window directly into the sandy soils, native herbs, and cooling sea breezes that define the Jonata vineyard.

ACCOLADES

93 POINTS Jeb Dunnuck *The Wine Advocate* #220 August 2015

90 POINTS Antonio Galloni's *Vinous* August 2015