

2016 TIERRA SANGIOVESE BALLARD CANYON, SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

100% Sangiovese | 71 Cases Produced

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VINEYARD RUMINATIONS

Jonata continued to shine despite the extended drought producing a strong lineup across the board in 2016. We lost leaves like we did in 2007 and 2009, but we were able to harvest clean fruit without pressure over a three-week period ending prior to the brutal 9/25 heat spell.

After a two-year absence, it appears that we will have another Tierra in 2016...and it should be a stunner. It displays all of the ripe fruit of the vintage with those lovely Jonata tannins and freshness of the variety. While not large quantity will be produced, it certainly delivers on quality. — Matt Dees Winemaker

ON THE WINE

A rather serious and powerful Tierra and a sangiovese to be reckoned with. Heady black fruit matched with dried sage and rosemary. Classic Tierra notes of prosciutto and raspberries. Round and supple. Generous and highly polished wine that offers tremendous drinking pleasure even at this early stage. No doubt to be a winner in the cellar as well. Juicy and elegant with immense fruit and power. — Matt Dees Winemaker

ACCOLADES

91 POINTS Antonio Galloni *Vinous* September 2018
92 POINTS Jeb Dunnuck *jebdunnuck.com* October 2018
90-93 POINTS William Kelley *The Wine Advocate* April 2018