LA SANGRE DE JONATA 2013
BALLARD CANYON, SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

98% syrah, 2% viognier
30% new French oak, 70% neutral French oak
542 Cases Produced

RUBEN SOLÓRZANO
Vineyard Manager

MATT DEES
Winemaker

DREW PICKERING
Assistant Winemaker

VINEYARD RUMINATIONS
A vintage I’ll always remember for the endless summer conditions; warm and dry day after day. In a
dry vintage that was often defined by large yields, Jonata was an exception. Taking a cue from the
drought conditions, we entered the vineyard blocks early and often to drop fruit from the thirsty
vines. After dropping the initial yields 50% from 2 clusters/shoot to 1 cluster/shoot, we made
another pass cutting the remaining cluster in half. With a mere 25% of our original yield hanging, the
vines were able to ripen to a concentrated and supremely intense level without added water stress.
The wines show this intensity in spades. Expansive and focused, savory and chewy. These blends
represent the perfect lens through which to view the confluence of the Santa Barbara
sun and the Jonata sandy soils. A perfect match.

ON THE WINE
Still tight and closed, which is a great sign for a young Sangre with such a long life ahead. Scents of
black plum, black pepper and soy sauce. Savory notes combine with lifted black fruit. Shows its
power on the attack with superbly sweet mulberry fruit. Dense and chewy like all of the 2013 reds.
Tightly wound with ultra fine tannin wrapped around a savory core. Dried mushroom, clove and
black truffle. Exceptionally well-endowed Sangre. A wild animal of a wine. Built in a similar mold to
the epic 2005 and 2009 Sangre bottlings.

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