2016 FUERZA PETIT VERDOT  
BALLARD CANYON, SANTA YNEZ VALLEY  
100% Petit Verdot | 69 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. 2016 presented excellent growing conditions for the Bordeaux family of grapes.

Perhaps the most versatile grape on the property, petit verdot, found its way into many ferments this vintage. The most distinguished blend incorporates 100% whole cluster. In the 2016 vintage this wine is an absolute monster. — Matt Dees Winemaker

ON THE WINE
The ristretto of wines. A singular wine that is certainly not soon to be forgotten. Ominous and brooding nose. Bottomless black fruit with cinnamon and Asian five spice. Szechuan peppercorn. All the internal intensity of unsweetened black cherry juice. Formidable wall of tannins that plays well with the refreshingly bright acid. Certainly not a shrinking violet.— Matt Dees Winemaker

ACCOLADES

88 POINTS Antonio Galloni Vinous September 2018

93 POINTS Jeb Dunnuck jebdunnuck.com October 2018

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