

JONATA

2015 EL ALMA DE JONATA CABERNET FRANC

BALLARD CANYON, SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

74% Cabernet Franc, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Petit Verdot , 2% Merlot

237 Cases Produced

RUBEN SOLÓRZANO
Vineyard Manager

MATT DEES
Winemaker

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Assistant Winemaker

VINEYARD RUMINATIONS

A NOTE ON DRINKABILITY: While I usually push for early enjoyment of our wines to capture their vibrant youth and energy, I'd strongly recommend laying the 2015 Desafio, Alma, Fuerza and Tierra down for a number of years. They all contain so much of what makes 2015 superb: incredible generosity of fruit, remarkable concentration of flavors, lifted freshness and a structural integrity that seems to frame the fruit and finish for days. Thanks to this combination of energy and power, they could certainly use a few years to evolve and stretch out.

See if you can find a spot for them in your cellar...

In the meantime, there is so much immediate pleasure in the 2015 Sangre, Fenix and Todos, though they too will blossom to become so much more complete with some additional time.

They offer an earlier window through which to enjoy and understand what a fantastic vintage we experienced in 2015! — Matt Dees Winemaker

ON THE WINE

Impenetrable black color. Swirls out of the glass with deep, dark fruit and green cooling herbs. Classic cassis and black olive. Fleeting notes of lavender. Remains tight today, but can be coaxed out of its shell with air. Sweet bramble and ripe black plum. Opens to a monstrous and mouthwatering texture with tremendous concentration and freshness. Firm high quality tannins frame the fruit. A texturally thrilling and structurally intimidating Alma. One to lay down for a few years as it evolves into a classic. — Matt Dees Winemaker

ACCOLADES

94 POINTS Lisa Perrotti-Brown *The Wine Advocate* September 2017

98+ POINTS Jeb Dunnuck *jebdunnuck.com* August 2017