

JONATA

LA SANGRE DE JONATA 2012

BALLARD CANYON, SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

97% syrah, 3% viognier

35% new French oak, 65% neutral French oak | 510 Cases Produced

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MATT DEES

Winemaker

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Assistant Winemaker

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

Gamier and darker than the Todos at this stage, this Sangre truly lives up to its name. The 2012 is exotic, with ripe fruit, pronounced black pepper, tar, and truffle. Perfumed and powerful, and equally impressive on the palate. Floods the mouth with densely packed black fruit. So much kinetic energy.

Seamless travel across the palate. Even with the remarkable aromatic profile and mind-boggling density, the finish is what leaves a lasting impression. Perfectly layered tannins slowly subside, leaving nothing but subtle fruit and perfectly balanced acidity. Combines the tension and massive proportions of its 2007 predecessor with the delicate cool climate notes of the ethereal 2010.

ACCOLADES

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

95 POINTS Antonio Galloni's *Vinous* August 2015