

JONATA

2016 LA SANGRE DE JONATA SYRAH

BALLARD CANYON, SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

98% Syrah and 2% Viognier

516 Cases Produced

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Winemaker

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Assistant Winemaker

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.

Syrah was another big success in 2016. Juicy and dark with plush fruit on the mid-palate. A stunner.
— Matt Dees Winemaker

ON THE WINE

A wine that will continue to move at its own glacial pace of evolution for years to come. Only really shows its cards on day two with white truffle, ripe blackberry, white pepper and grilled bread. Reticent until it feels ready and then it is full steam ahead. It is akin to a seismic event of spice and fruit. Ripe and round. It seems to get darker with time in glass. A wine for the cellar for the next five years.

Notes of blood orange. Tannin content is grand, but certainly supple. Texturally thrilling and structurally profound. Pure and classic Jonata syrah that should age gracefully and effortlessly.

— Matt Dees Winemaker

ACCOLADES

96+ POINTS Antonio Galloni *Vinous* September 2018

99 POINTS Jeb Dunnuck *jebdunnuck.com* October 2018

93-95 POINTS William Kelley *The Wine Advocate* April 2018