

# JONATA

## 2016 EL DESAFIO DE JONATA CABERNET SAUVIGNON

BALLARD CANYON, SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Merlot, 8% Petit Verdot, 4% Cabernet Franc

548 Cases Produced

RUBEN SOLÓRZANO  
*Vineyard Manager*

MATT DEES  
*Winemaker*

DREW PICKERING  
*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. 2016 presented excellent growing conditions for the Bordeaux family of grapes.

Cabernet sauvignon also appears to be a big success in 2016. The usual blocks all performed very well with dark wines full of ripe black fruit and chewy tannins. This year we also saw the emergence of a few of our young blocks. I am very excited to see their maturation and evolution in the upcoming years. — Matt Dees Winemaker

### ON THE WINE

Another classic Jonata cabernet sauvignon with red fruit and fresh green herbs; cassis and the refined earthy qualities that make Jonata unique in this world. Focused and pure black fruit on the attack with an added intensity in 2016. A wine of tremendous freshness. Balsamic and tobacco. Like 95% cacao chocolate with hints of fresh mint. Power like the epic 2015, but with more freshness and perhaps even more impact. A statuesque and chiseled cabernet with chewy tannin and a powerful backbone of acidity.— Matt Dees Winemaker

### ACCOLADES

**96 POINTS** Antonio Galloni *Vinous* September 2018

**96+ POINTS** Jeb Dunnuck *jebdunnuck.com* October 2018

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