



IPO WINES

COUNTRY
USA

REGION
California

APPELLATION
Santa Ynez Valley

SOIL TYPE
sandy, loamy

VARIETAL(S)
2% Viognier
3% Sangiovese
5% Merlot
5% Cabernet Franc
10% Petit Verdot
28% Cabernet Sauvignon
47% Syrah

FARMING
Sustainable

WINEMAKER
Matt Dees



2014 Jonata "Todos" Red Blend

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ABOUT THE PRODUCER

Dedicated to expressing a range of red—and a handful of white—wines from its estate in the central coast of California's Ballard Canyon (Santa Ynez Appellation), Jonata is one of a new breed of producers throughout the world who are thriving with a non-traditional amalgam of varieties and blends. With a commitment in particular to Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Syrah, and informed by cutting edge viticulture, winemaking and a polyface approach to their estate, the Jonata wines are on the vanguard of an emerging quality movement in California winegrowing.

The name Jonata pays homage to the 1845 Spanish land grant, Rancho San Carlos de Jonata. At the time the land grant covered a large part of the Santa Ynez Valley. Today's Jonata is at the heart of the former land grant. The Jonata name was borrowed by the first pioneers from the local Chumash Indian and means "tall oak." Jonata is the embodiment of land, soul, and people coming together for a common goal; to produce singular wines from a singular place.

Land - Jonata is a goldilocks state within Ballard Canyon. Not too hot, not too cold. Just right. Blend of coastal cool & inland warmth. Dinural shifts up to 40 degrees hold acidity and freshness. Rolling hills with a high concentration of Careaga sand run through the estate. A challenging landscape for cultivation and a key element to the qualities of Jonata.

Soul - Timeless and diverse practices are in place to create health and community at Jonata. Our roots reach great depths in our sand to develop our trademark tannin structure. Polyface farming practices are implemented to create a diverse and sustainable ecosystem, utilizing a blend of sustainable practices that continue to build the health of Jonata. Vines, orchards, olive trees, native oak, sheep, goats, pigs, chickens, turkeys, bees, and visiting coyotes, boars and mountain lions thrive. Each with qualities that create a rich environment.

People - Since 2004, a consistent team remains at the core. Winemaker Matt Dees and Vineyard manager Ruben Solorzano combine their experiences in winemaking, soil science and farming expertise to help Jonata thrive. Growing with the land: much of the team works in the vineyard and winery, creating a diverse set of skills and qualities that help provide depth of knowledge and experience. Available for New Jersey accounts only.

WINE NOTES

The 2014 vintage was at least a month early which was highly unusual. Early on in the spring of 2014 we decided to hedge our bets and approach this harvest with very low yields in all blocks. We felt this would give us the best chance to handle any odd weather curveballs that mother nature threw our way. We just had a gut feeling that we were in for an unusual harvest. In all Jonata blocks, we dropped the normal two clusters per shoot immediately to one cluster per shoot in the spring. As the vintage progressed, we revisited most blocks and cut the remaining one cluster per shoot in half.

I remember thinking at that time that it is never a great idea to wax poetically about a vintage until it is passed and its wines have been in barrel for at least 16 months. That being said, let's just say that the 2014 wines were extremely promising across the board from the very start. As always in a vintage as unique and early as 2014, the secret to success lies in the vineyard. I am incredibly excited about the entire range. As the vines continue to mature at Jonata, I believe we will continue to see more balance and elegance. We'll still produce powerful wines obviously, but perhaps big wines with more polite manners.

Lifted aromatic combination of fruit and spice; cabernet sauvignon meets syrah. Then viognier joins the

mix. Exotic and true representation of the 11 varieties grown at the Jonata property. In a year of structure and seriousness, this wine brings the hedonism. Soft, plush and complex. Absolutely gorgeous. This wine delivers everything that we hope to see from Todos.