

COUNTRY USA

REGION California

APPELLATION Santa Ynez Valley

SOIL TYPE sandy, loamy

VARIETAL(S)

2% Sangiovese 5% Other 9% Merlot 10% Petit Sirah 26% Cabernet Sauvignon 48% Syrah

FARMING Sustainable

WINEMAKER Matt Dees



2019 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

"Incense and Nag Champa fragrance. Bidis. Clove and cigar and black and red licorice. Dark and brooding with sweet blackberries, blueberries, cinnamon and baking spice. Black figs. Cracked white pepper. Like 2013 Todos in its power and breadth. Salty and tight today. Spicy and dark. Lovely depth of fruit. Tannins that start to build on the 3/4 pallet and slowly coat the entire mouth. Bundle of fruit wrapped in a formidable package of complex structure. Will reward those who decant and those who give it a few years in the cellar. One of my favorite Todos to date, no doubt." Matt Dees, Winemaker 18% new French oak, 82% neutral French oak. 2,181 Cases Produced.

93 points, "The 2019 Todos checks in as its usual kitchen sink blend of 48% Syrah, 26% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Petite Sirah, 9% Merlot, 2% Sangiovese, and the rest assorted other varieties. This wine has been a perennial winner for over a decade now, and the 2019 reveals a dense purple hue as well as pure red and blue fruits followed by ample pepper, pen ink, graphite, and herbal nuances. I love its balance, it's medium to full-bodied, has a pure, elegant texture, and outstanding length." - Jeb Dunnuck