



IPO WINES

COUNTRY
USA

REGION
California

APPELLATION
Santa Ynez Valley

SOIL TYPE
Sandy loam

VARIETAL(S)
5% Cabernet Sauvignon
15% Merlot
80% Cabernet Franc

FARMING
Sustainable

WINEMAKER
Matt Dees



2021 Jonata "El Alma de Jonata" Cabernet Franc

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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

"A luxurious and suave Alma showing off the plush fruit and stunning complexity that cabernet franc is capable of. Aromas of black cherry, new leather, mint and cocoa nibs. Savory charm and the classic herbal edge of rosemary, violets and lavender. Black minerals. A seamless young Alma. Supple, suave and perfumed. Regal and elegant. Light dusting of cocoa powder tannins alongside resinous dark fruit and dark green herbs. Ultimately a wine of balance, polish and satin texture. Dense, but also very light on its feet and tremendously long. In the sweet spot today and for years to come. An absolutely unforgettable reminder that when mother nature fully cooperates, cabernet franc is capable of miracles." Matt Dees, Winemaker

Barrel Regime: 18 months in 50% new French oak, 50% used French oak, 225L. 422 Cases Produced. 98 points, "One of my favorite cuvées from this estate, the 2021 El Alma De Jonata checks in as 80% Cabernet Franc, 15% Merlot, and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon. Reminding me of a great vintage of Château Figeac, it has a gorgeous perfume of red and black fruits, spring flowers, lead pencil, and smoked tobacco. With medium to full body, gorgeously polished, integrated tannins, and an incredible finish, it already offers pleasure yet will ideally be hidden in the cellar for 4-5 years. It will have 20-25+ years of

overall longevity.” - Jeb Dunnuck