



IPO WINES

COUNTRY
USA

REGION
California

APPELLATION
Santa Ynez Valley

SOIL TYPE
Sandy loam

VARIETAL(S)
2% Merlot
2% Cabernet Franc
96% Cabernet Sauvignon

FARMING
Sustainable

WINEMAKER
Matt Dees



2021 Jonata "El Desafio de Jonata" Cabernet Sauvignon

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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

"Candied and dusty. Still tightly wound. Baking chocolate, black olive, cigar tobacco and cedar. Blackberry and black cherry alongside fennel and baking spices. Nutmeg and cinnamon. Scorched earth. Essence of cassis with cinnamon and scorched earth. A wine of class and mind-boggling intensity. Like the Alma, this is supremely concentrated, but remains light on its feet with freshness and lift. A luminous wine. Generous and giving, but with acid and structure to thrive in the cellar. Vinous and gently chalky. The finish is dominated by dense black fruit and an impressive inner perfume. Nothing out of place in this Desafio. Perfect vintage conditions meet deep-rooted mature vineyards. Stellar vintage in the same vein as 2018 and 2007. Luxardo cherry and sage." Matt Dees Winemaker

Barrel Regime: 20 months in 80% new French oak, 20% twice used French oak, 225L. 720 Cases Produced.

97+ points, "The Cabernet Sauvignon-dominated 2021 El Desafio De Jonata (96% Cabernet Sauvignon along with splashes of Cabernet Franc and Merlot) is inky hued and boasts awesome notes of blackcurrants, leafy tobacco, sappy flowers, incense, and gravelly earth. With incredible purity, medium to full body, ripe yet substantial tannins, and a great core of beautiful fruit, it will benefit from 4-5 years of

bottle age and evolve for 2-3 decades. It's that good." - Jeb Dunnuck