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2021 Jonata "La Sangre De Jonata" Syrah

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COUNTRY
USA

REGION
California

APPELLATION
Santa Ynez Valley

SOIL TYPE
sandy, loamy

VARIETAL(S)
1% Viognier
4% Petit Sirah
95% Syrah

FARMING
Sustainable

WINEMAKER
Matt Dees



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

"Brambly red and black fruit. Mulberry, black olive, white peppercorn, and black truffle. As complex as the nose is, this wine comes to life on the palate with unforgettably silky and voluptuous texture. Just like silk. Seamless. Layers of complexity roll across the palate with notes of mesquite, steak au poivre, dark pomegranate and chicory. Strong aromas of the forest with pine needles and a mushroom earthiness. Black plum skin, wild blueberry, and incense. Laden with fruit and chiseled with fine grained structure. Deeply powerful wine with bass notes of resinous black fruit and cooling green herbs. Long and pure with great fruit push and lingering blackberry notes. In the pantheon of great vintages for Sangre along with 2007, 2015 and 2018. Stunning syrah expression from the Jonata sandy soils. Aromatically enticing. A high impact wine that resonates like the vibration of a cello felt in the chest..." Matt Dees, Winemaker

Barrel Regime: 20 months in 35% new French oak, 65% neutral French oak. 405 Cases Produced. 99 points, "Lastly, the 2021 La Sangre De Jonata is Syrah-dominated but includes 4% Petite Sirah and a dollop of Viognier. Reminding me of a great Côte Rôtie from the more schist soils in the northern part of the appellation, its deep ruby/plum hue is followed by a masculine, powerful bouquet of ripe black and

blue fruits, scorched earth, graphite, and peppered meat, with a kiss of spring flowers coming through on the palate. It's rich and full-bodied, with building yet incredibly polished tannins and a great finish. Easily up with the finest ever made, this tour de force in Syrah needs to be tasted to be believed, and while it offers pleasure today, it will benefit from just 2-4 years of bottle age and evolve for 20+." - Jeb Dunnuck