

JONATA

2016 EL ALMA DE JONATA **CABERNET FRANC**

BALLARD CANYON, SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

86% Cabernet Franc, 11% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Merlot

205 Cases Produced

RUBEN SOLÓRZANO
Vineyard Manager

MATT DEES
Winemaker

DREW PICKERING
Assistant Winemaker

VINEYARD RUMINATIONS

A NOTE ON DRINKABILITY: For the second year in a row, the cabernet franc blocks have given us monstrous blends of freakish intensity. While endowed with massive sweet fruit, they are also full of exotic notes and wonderfully sweet tannins. Drought-driven cabernet franc is a powerful thing. In some respects, they remind me of the young 2009 wines.

— Matt Dees Winemaker

ON THE WINE

Swirling and towering nose. Complex and sophisticated. Deep red, dark green and pitch black. Cassis, espresso bean, bay, thyme and rosemary. Ethereal and velvet fruit. Perfectly steeped black tea. Creamy and dense on the palate. Cocoa powder and dark chocolate. Drink earlier to enjoy the baby fat or put a few bottles away deep in your cellar as we've never seen an Alma quite like this. As if 2009 and 2015 Alma had a beautiful baby (with 2007's perfect balance of course).

— Matt Dees Winemaker

ACCOLADES

93 POINTS Antonio Galloni *Vinous* September 2018

99 POINTS Jeb Dunnuck *jebdunnuck.com* October 2018

92+ POINTS Erin Brooks *The Wine Advocate* September 2019