

JONATA

2016 EL DESAFIO DE JONATA **CABERNET SAUVIGNON**

BALLARD CANYON, SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Merlot, 8% Petit Verdot, 4% Cabernet Franc

548 Cases Produced

RUBEN SOLÓRZANO
Vineyard Manager

MATT DEES
Winemaker

DREW PICKERING
Assistant Winemaker

RUMINATIONS

A NOTE ON DRINKABILITY: Cabernet sauvignon also appears to be a big success in 2016. The usual blocks all performed very well with dark wines full of ripe black fruit and chewy tannins. This year we also saw the emergence of a few of our young blocks. I am are very excited to see their maturation and evolution in the upcoming years. — Matt Dees Winemaker

ON THE WINE

Another classic Jonata cabernet sauvignon with red fruit and fresh green herbs; cassis and the refined earthy qualities that make Jonata unique in this world. Focused and pure black fruit on the attack with an added intensity in 2016. A wine of tremendous freshness. Balsamic and tobacco. Like 95% cacao chocolate with hints of fresh mint. Power like the epic 2015, but with more freshness and perhaps even more impact. A statuesque and chiseled cabernet with chewy tannin and a powerful backbone of acidity.— Matt Dees Winemaker

ACCOLADES

96 POINTS Antonio Galloni *Vinous* September 2018

96+ POINTS Jeb Dunnuck *jebdunnuck.com* October 2018

93 POINTS Erin Brooks *The Wine Advocate* September 2019