

JONATA

BALLARD CANYON, SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

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2023 EL ALMA DE JONATA CABERNET FRANC

“The Soul”

WINEMAKER NOTES

Cacao, new leather, mint, thyme and luxardo cherry. Sweet tobacco and cedar. Lovely balance between black fruit and green herbal notes. A brooding, but very fresh version of Alma. Silky and suave attack. Wet gravel, blackberry and dark chocolate. Heady inner perfume of cassis and mint. Dark fruit swirls with vibrant acidity then a wall of dusty and ultra-fine tannins. Mouthcoating structure that remains gentle and inviting. The finish combines classic Alma notes of lavender, pencil shavings and ground espresso. This is still a tightly wound, young Alma. While it is in the same general shape as the classic 2021 and 2018, this takes me back to more a combination of 2008 and 2009. Refined but undeniably powerful and built for the long haul.

- Winemaker, Matt Dees

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Cases: 297

Blend: 96% Cabernet Franc, 4% Merlot

Alcohol: 14.5%

Appellation: Ballard Canyon, Santa Ynez Valley

Barrel Regime: 18 months in 55% new French oak, 45% used French oak, 225L



ACCOLADES

95 POINTS

Antonio Galloni

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98 POINTS

Jeb Dunnuck

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97 POINTS

Jonathan Cristaldi

Cristaldi & Co