

# JONATA

BALLARD CANYON, SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

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## 2023 EL DESAFIO DE JONATA CABERNET SAUVIGNON

*“The Defiance”*

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### WINEMAKER NOTES

Inky and monumental edition of Desafio. Cassis, bay leaf, rosemary, incense, ripe mulberry and new leather. Mint and dark chocolate. Simultaneously suave and then chewy. Ultra fine tannins. Scorched earth and a multitude of dried herbs. A brooding and overtly dark blend today. Snapshot of this noble grape in a near perfect vintage. So concentrated and intense. Cacao and black plum skin. Luxardo cherry and freshly opened tin of Illy espresso. Saturates the palate with black fruit, dusty tannin and a refreshing savory character. Just getting started...long, long road ahead. Reminiscent of the remarkable 2015 in its youth with potentially more flesh and density! Remains fresh and so sincere to the JONATA sandy soils.

- Winemaker, Matt Dees

### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

**Cases:** 1,002

**Blend:** 98% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Merlot

**Alcohol:** 14.1%

**Appellation:** Ballard Canyon, Santa Ynez Valley

**Barrel Regime:** 20 months in 70% new French oak, 30% twice used French oak, 225L



### ACCOLADES

**96+ POINTS**

Antonio Galloni  
**Vinous**

**98+ POINTS**

Jeb Dunnuck  
[jebdunnuck.com](http://jebdunnuck.com)

**99 POINTS**

Jonathan Cristaldi  
**Cristaldi & Co**