

# JONATA

## 2015 EL DESAFIO DE JONATA CABERNET SAUVIGNON

BALLARD CANYON, SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot

499 Cases Produced

RUBEN SOLÓRZANO  
*Vineyard Manager*

MATT DEES  
*Winemaker*

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*Assistant Winemaker*

### RUMINATIONS

**A NOTE ON DRINKABILITY:** While I usually push for early enjoyment of our wines to capture their vibrant youth and energy, I'd strongly recommend laying the 2015 Desafio, Alma, Fuerza and Tierra down for a number of years. They all contain so much of what makes 2015 superb: incredible generosity of fruit, remarkable concentration of flavors, lifted freshness and a structural integrity that seems to frame the fruit and finish for days. Thanks to this combination of energy and power, they could certainly use a few years to evolve and stretch out.

See if you can find a spot for them in your cellar...

In the meantime, there is so much immediate pleasure in the 2015 Sangre, Fenix and Todos, though they too will blossom to become so much more complete with some additional time.

They offer an earlier window through which to enjoy and understand what a fantastic vintage we experienced in 2015! — Matt Dees Winemaker

### ON THE WINE

An unforgettable wine from two fermentation lots consisting of minuscule berries. Long and slow fermentations that allowed for maximum extraction under ideal conditions. Green mint, black cassis, pencil shavings. Black and red fruit with a creamy, expansive and sweet texture. Cedar and cigar notes. Voluptuous and packed with power. Tannins start early and build to an impressive intensity.

— Matt Dees Winemaker

### ACCOLADES

**95 POINTS** Lisa Perrotti-Brown *The Wine Advocate* September 2017

**98 POINTS** Jeb Dunnuck *jebdunnuck.com* August 2017