

JONATA

2016 FUERZA PETIT VERDOT BALLARD CANYON, SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

100% Petit Verdot | 69 Cases Produced

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VINEYARD RUMINATIONS

Jonata continued to shine despite the extended drought producing a strong lineup across the board in 2016. We lost leaves like we did in 2007 and 2009, but we were able to harvest clean fruit without pressure over a three-week period ending prior to the brutal 9/25 heat spell. 2016 presented excellent growing conditions for the Bordeaux family of grapes.

Perhaps the most versatile grape on the property, petit verdot, found its way into many ferments this vintage. The most distinguished blend incorporates 100% whole cluster. In the 2016 vintage this wine is an absolute monster. — Matt Dees Winemaker

ON THE WINE

The *ristretto* of wines. A singular wine that is certainly not soon to be forgotten. Ominous and brooding nose. Bottomless black fruit with cinnamon and Asian five spice. Szechuan peppercorn. All the internal intensity of unsweetened black cherry juice. Formidable wall of tannins that plays well with the refreshingly bright acid. Certainly not a shrinking violet.— Matt Dees Winemaker

ACCOLADES

88 POINTS Antonio Galloni *Vinous* September 2018

93 POINTS Jeb Dunnuck *jebdunnuck.com* October 2018