

JONATA

2015 LA SANGRE DE JONATA SYRAH

BALLARD CANYON, SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

97% Syrah, 3% Viognier

405 Cases Produced

RUBEN SOLÓRZANO
Vineyard Manager

MATT DEES
Winemaker

DREW PICKERING
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

We've never seen a Sangre like the '15. Tough to put in to words. Unmatched complexity with ripe blackberry, charred tri-tip and green peppercorn. Luxurious texture. Perfumed, exotic and supple. Creosote, tar, violets and truffle. Such is the power and density of this wine that the formidable tannins on the finish appear merely as soft, dusty and balanced. Everything on a higher level and nothing out of place. Similar only to the 2007 Sangre in which both wines were seamless and gorgeous from the moment the grapes were harvested to the moment we put them in bottle. Very special and rarified air. — Matt Dees Winemaker

ACCOLADES

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

100 POINTS Jeb Dunnuck *jebdunnuck.com* August 2017