

JONATA

BALLARD CANYON, SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

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2021 EL DESAFIO DE JONATA CABERNET SAUVIGNON

“The Defiance”

WINEMAKER NOTES

Candied and dusty. Still tightly wound. Baking chocolate, black olive, cigar tobacco and cedar. Blackberry and black cherry alongside fennel and baking spices. Nutmeg and cinnamon. Scorched earth. Essence of cassis with cinnamon and scorched earth. A wine of class and mind-boggling intensity. Like the Alma, this is supremely concentrated, but remains light on its feet with freshness and lift. A luminous wine. Generous and giving, but with acid and structure to thrive in the cellar. Vinous and gently chalky. The finish is dominated by dense black fruit and an impressive inner perfume. Nothing out of place in this Desafio. Perfect vintage conditions meet deep-rooted mature vineyards. Stellar vintage in the same vein as 2018 and 2007. Luxardo cherry and sage.

- Winemaker, Matt Dees

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Cases: 720

Blend:

96% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Cabernet Franc,
2% Merlot

Alcohol: 14.9%

Appellation: Ballard Canyon, Santa Ynez Valley

Barrel Regime: 20 months in 80% new French oak,
20% twice used French oak, 225L



ACCOLADES

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