

JONATA

BALLARD CANYON, SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

RUBEN SOLÓRZANO
Vineyard Manager

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Winemaker

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2019 EL DESAFIO DE JONATA CABERNET SAUVIGNON

“The Defiance”

WINEMAKER NOTES

Shy at first and reserved but opens with time in glass. Very close to the surface today. Black fruit, mulberry, scorched earth, black cherry and rosemary. Loam, toasty oak and pencil shavings. Dark with brambly charm. Quiet and sturdy today, but so much promise looking forward. Structurally reminiscent of the profound 2015 Desafio. Graced with persistent tannins from this warm and dry vintage that add to the overall power of the wine. Lovely and classic Desafio with balance, density and vibrant acidity. Relaxes its shoulders a bit after half an hour or so reacting with oxygen in the glass. One for the cellar and table with big protein!

- Winemaker, Matt Dees



TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Cases: 459

Blend:

94% Cabernet Sauvignon (cl. JN, 4, 7, 15, 337)

3% Merlot (cl. 181, 314)

3% Petit Verdot (cl. 2)

Alcohol: 14.4%

Appellation: Ballard Canyon, Santa Ynez Valley

Barrel Regime: 80% new French oak, 20% neutral French oak.

ACCOLADES

97+ POINTS June, 2021

Antonio Galloni

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95+ POINTS August, 2021

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