



IPO WINES

COUNTRY
USA

REGION
California

APELLATION
Santa Ynez Valley

SOIL TYPE
sandy, loamy

VARIETAL(S)
2% Viognier
98% Syrah

FARMING
Sustainable

WINEMAKER
Matt Dees



2013 Jonata "La Sangre De Jonata" Syrah

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ABOUT THE PRODUCER

Dedicated to expressing a range of red—and a handful of white—wines from its estate in the central coast of California's Ballard Canyon (Santa Ynez Appellation), Jonata is one of a new breed of producers throughout the world who are thriving with a non-traditional amalgam of varieties and blends. With a commitment in particular to Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Syrah, and informed by cutting edge viticulture, winemaking and a polyface approach to their estate, the Jonata wines are on the vanguard of an emerging quality movement in California winegrowing.

The name Jonata pays homage to the 1845 Spanish land grant, Rancho San Carlos de Jonata. At the time the land grant covered a large part of the Santa Ynez Valley. Today's Jonata is at the heart of the former land grant. The Jonata name was borrowed by the first pioneers from the local Chumash Indian and means "tall oak." Jonata is the embodiment of land, soul, and people coming together for a common goal; to produce singular wines from a singular place.

Land - Jonata is a goldilocks state within Ballard Canyon. Not too hot, not too cold. Just right. Blend of coastal cool & inland warmth. Dinural shifts up to 40 degrees hold acidity and freshness. Rolling hills with a high concentration of Careaga sand run through the estate. A challenging landscape for cultivation and a key element to the qualities of Jonata.

Soul - Timeless and diverse practices are in place to create health and community at Jonata. Our roots reach great depths in our sand to develop our trademark tannin structure. Polyface farming practices are implemented to create a diverse and sustainable ecosystem, utilizing a blend of sustainable practices that continue to build the health of Jonata. Vines, orchards, olive trees, native oak, sheep, goats, pigs, chickens, turkeys, bees, and visiting coyotes, boars and mountain lions thrive. Each with qualities that create a rich environment.

People - Since 2004, a consistent team remains at the core. Winemaker Matt Dees and Vineyard manager Ruben Solorzano combine their experiences in winemaking, soil science and farming expertise to help Jonata thrive. Growing with the land: much of the team works in the vineyard and winery, creating a diverse set of skills and qualities that help provide depth of knowledge and experience. Available for New Jersey accounts only.

WINE NOTES

A vintage I'll always remember for the endless summer conditions; warm and dry day after day. In a dry vintage that was often defined by large yields, Jonata was an exception. Taking a cue from the drought conditions, we entered the vineyard blocks early and often to drop fruit from the thirsty vines. After dropping the initial yields 50% from 2 clusters/shoot to 1 cluster/shoot, we made another pass cutting the remaining cluster in half. With a mere 25% of our original yield hanging, the vines were able to ripen to a concentrated and supremely intense level without added water stress. The wines show this intensity in spades. Expansive and focused, savory and chewy. These blends represent the perfect lens through which to view the confluence of the Santa Barbara sun and the Jonata sandy soils. A perfect match. Still tight and closed, which is a great sign for a young Sangre with such a long life ahead. Scents of black plum, black pepper and soy sauce. Savory notes combine with lifted black fruit. Shows its power on the attack with superbly sweet mulberry fruit. Dense and chewy like all of the 2013 reds. Tightly wound with ultra fine tannin wrapped around a savory core. Dried mushroom, clove and black tru e. Exceptionally well-endowed Sangre. A wild animal of a wine. Built in a similar mold to the epic 2005 and 2009 Sangre bottlings.

30% new French oak, 70% neutral French oak. 542 Cases Produced.

Ratings:

96 Points - The Wine Advocate

97 Points - Vinous