

CLUB CRUSH RED *April Shipment (#2 - 2021)*

JONATA 2016 'TODOS' RED WINE BALLARD CANYON, SANTA BARBARA



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TASTING NOTES:

The ultimate expression of Jonata in the glass; a rare example of the confluence of chaos and seamless unity. Syrah is the first to contribute to the aromas with mulberry, black truffle and a note of green peppercorns. Cabernet shows up next with red fruit and cooling herbs. All the grapes show their true colors as the fruit moves across the palate. Black plum skin and violets. Fruit wrapped in velvet. Layered and mouthwatering tannins. Lovely notes of black pepper spice on finish that speaks to our cold nights on the property. As with the best Todos vintages, it is endowed with a push of fruit that goes on and on.

WINERY INFO:

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. The Jonata name was borrowed by the first pioneers from the local Chumash Indian and means “tall oak”. Out of the 586 acres acquired by Stan Kroenke, only 84 bear vines today. The highly sandy soil made the vineyard development intricate and the task was successfully done by Central Coast Vineyard Care Associates—the preeminent viticultural management company on the Central Coast. Forgoing conventional wisdom from the outset the estate was planted with a host of varieties that are rarely cultivated side-by-side, an audacious decision at the time that created a stir in the winegrowing community. From the first harvest in 2004 and under the guidance of Matt Dees, Jonata’s winemaker, it became clear that—despite widespread skepticism—not only had the right decision been made to plant Syrah, Sangiovese and Bordeaux varieties but the meticulously farmed 84-acre vineyard could also produce extraordinary results. Encouraged by Stan Kroenke’s dedication to excellence, the estate has turned out a series of wines that have garnered substantial critical acclaim from Robert M. Parker Jr., Jeb Dunnuck, Antonio Galloni and Stephen Tanzer.

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 appellation within Santa Ynez Valley, 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.

Composition: 50% Syrah, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Petite Sirah, 8% Petit Verdot, 5% Sangiovese, 2% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Franc, 1% Viognier, 1% Sauvignon Blanc, 1% Sémillon

Production: 2,426 cases

Regular Price. . . . \$54.99 CLUB CRUSH PRICE. . . . \$43.99

QUINTA DO VESUVIO 2017 POMBAL DO VESUVIO DOURO, PORTUGAL

TASTING NOTES:

Concentrated, deep red color. Exceptional freshness on the nose and palate, belying the year's hot, dry conditions. Floral aromas of roses and rockrose with a hint of vanilla in the background witnessing well integrated oak. Very expressive on the palate with succulent black plum and wild berry flavors. Well-structured with concentration and elegance in perfect harmony. Polished tannins underpin the framework of this very terroir driven wine.

WINERY INFO:

Founded by the legendary Dona Antónia Adelaide Ferreira, Quinta do Vesuvio is one of the great Douro estates. It has a total area of 326 hectares, of which 133 hectares are planted with vines. The rest has been conserved in its natural state. The property has great variations in altitude, from 130m at the riverside to 530m at the top of the ridge. It has vineyards that face north, south, east and west, providing a remarkable range of conditions. Being so far inland, only 30k from Spain, the Quinta experiences climatic extremes, reaching very high temperatures in summer and very low in winter. It is very dry, with an average of only 400mm of rain falling each year.

Dona Antónia bottled the first known single estate wine in the Douro in 1868. When the Symington family acquired the property in 1989, they chose to resurrect Vesuvio as a single estate, rather than amalgamating its grapes under a port brand like most Quintas. Since then, the sole objective has been to create outstanding wines, both Vintage Ports and Douro DOC wines, using only the very best grapes on the property.

The property produces two Vintage Ports: Quinta do Vesuvio, using the highest quality grapes sourced from the entire property, and Capela da Quinta do Vesuvio, a single vineyard Vintage Port, only made in the very best years. Both wines are produced in very small quantities. The property's flagship Douro DOC red wine, Quinta do Vesuvio, is made from the finest Touriga Franca, Touriga Nacional and Tinta Amarela vineyards on the property. Touriga Nacional, the principal component, gives the wine elegance, structure and excellent ageing potential.

Pombal do Vesuvio is the Quinta's second wine, taking its name from the vineyard that surrounds the property's dovecote. In contrast to the Quinta do Vesuvio, it has a higher proportion of Touriga Franca, giving it a silky smoothness and floral aromas.

Composition: 54% Touriga Franca, 40% Touriga Nacional, 6% Tinta Amarela



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Regular Price. . . . \$31.99 CLUB CRUSH PRICE. . . . \$28.79
