

2017 CHARDONNAY SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

Estate Vineyards



WINE DATA Producer Lucas & Lewellen

Region Santa Barbara County

> State California

Country USA

Wine Composition 95.5% Chardonnav 4.5% Viognier Alcohol 13.5% **Total Acidity** 6.21 G/L рН 3.38

DESCRIPTION

This wine blends Chardonnay grapes, hand-harvested from two of the winery estate vineyards, with a small amount of Viognier to provide balance and interest. The cooler Los Alamos and Goodchild vineyards provide tropical guava and citrus aromas which combine with caramel notes and a creamy texture to enhance the lingering finish.

WINEMAKER NOTES

The vinevards of Lucas & Lewellen are located in the three principal wine grape growing regions of Santa Barbara County; the Santa Maria Valley, the Los Alamos Valley and the Santa Ynez Valley. valley vineyards benefit from a transverse mountain range topography, an east-west orientation which channels cool ocean air from the Pacific into the coastal valleys. Warm days and cool nights produce a long, gentle growing season. This lovely Chardonnay is blended form grapes grown in the Los Alamos Vineyard and the Valley View Vineyard.

Los Alamos Vineyard: Santa Barbara County AVA, 172 acres originally planted from cuttings brought over from Europe over 40 years ago; this vineyard is home to over 20 varieties of grapes. Thick layers of clay and loam soils coupled with a temperate climate provide ideal grape growing conditions for Rhone, Burgundian, Bordeaux and Italian varieties.

Goodchild & Old Adobe Vineyard: Santa Maria Valley AVA, 67 acres, Along both sides of the acclaimed Foxen Wine Trail, these cool climate vineyards consistently produce prize-winning Pinot Noir and Chardonnay grapes. The soils vary from clay and gravel river deposits to hillside and hilltop sites reminiscent of the great vineyards of Burgundy.

SERVING HINTS Ideal with lighter salads, seafood or any poultry.