

# 2017 CABERNET SAUVIGNON COTE DEL SOL SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

## Estate Vineyards



WINE DATA

Producer

Lucas & Lewellen

Region Santa Ynez Valley

> State California

<u>Country</u> USA

Wine Composition
92% Cabernet
Sauvignon,
8% Syrah
(Co-Fermented)
Alcohol
14.5%
Total Acidity
6.47 G/L
pH
3.54

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Cabernet grapes for "Cote del Sol", our reserve-level Cabernet, are hand-harvested from the south facing side of the vines only, which grow on a narrow, 22 row slope on the winery's Valley View Vineyard. This Cabernet is then co-fermented with Syrah from the same vineyard, which adds a spicy, jammy note to the oak infused wine. Flavors of plum, cassis, and dried herbs overlay rich tannins and an opulent finish.

### WINEMAKER NOTES

The vineyards 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. These 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. Cote del Sol is crafted from grapes grown in the Valley View Vineyard.

<u>Valley View Vineyard</u>: Santa Ynez Valley AVA, 40 acres. This warm climate vineyard slopes gently toward the Santa Ynez River and features well drained fine sand and gravely loam soils. The lower elevation of this south-facing vineyard produces what many consider Santa Barbara County's best Cabernet Sauvignon.

The Cote del Sol Cabernet Sauvignon was aged for 21 months in 45% new French oak barrels.

#### SERVING HINTS

Serve at room temperature with red meats, beef stew, lamb or various hearty dishes.