



LUCAS & LEWELLEN

Estate Vineyards

2017

**PINOT NOIR GOODCHILD HIGH 9
SANTA MARIA AVA**



WINE DATA

Producer

Lucas & Lewellen

Region

Santa Maria AVA

State

California

Country

USA

Wine Composition

100% Pinot Noir

Alcohol

13.5 %

Total Acidity

5.44 G/L

pH

3.6

DESCRIPTION

This is a limited vintage from the highest nine acre block of the Goodchild Vineyard, an outstanding location to grow the superior clone 667. It is aged sur lees in French oak barrels which brings forth the natural flavors of bright red fruit with smooth tannins and a lingering finish. This is an outstanding Pinot, continuing the legacy of our High 9 vineyard in Santa Maria, made with judicious blending of several different clones. What impresses me most about this vineyard is that the grapes and vines fully mature at the same time. This is a difference maker. There aren't many vineyards in the world where this happens almost every year. *Louis Lucas*

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.

Goodchild 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

Serve at room temperature with turkey, duck, roast chicken, venison and medium-firm cheeses.