

# LUCAS & LEWELLEN GOODCHILD HIGH 9 PINOT NOIR 2019

Santa Maria AVA, California



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*Estate Vineyards*



**TASTING NOTES:** This limited production Pinot Noir 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.

**VITICULTURE:** The Goodchild Vineyard is located on 67 acres in the Santa Maria Valley AVA, along the highly-acclaimed Foxen Wine Trail. These cool-climate vineyards have a complex soil profile made of clay and gravel river deposits to the hilltop sites, reminiscent of the great Burgundian vineyards. Louis Lucas selects choice lots from the highest nine-acre block of the Goodchild Vineyard, a prime location to grow the superior clone 667 Pinot Noir.

“This is an outstanding Pinot, continuing the legacy of our High 9 vineyard in Santa Maria, made with a 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*

**FAMILY:** Louis Lucas and Royce Lewellen were friends before they were ever business partners. One of their common interests was their love of Santa Barbara County. Louis had been a successful grape grower for many years, and had the reputation to match, while Royce was a judge and dreamer who imagined what Santa Barbara could be as a wine region. They banded together to create Lucas & Lewellen Wines. Today, Michael Lewellen, Royce’s son, is the managing partner, making Lucas & Lewellen a second-generation family-owned winery. The Lucas & Lewellen vineyards have become legendary for lovers of premium wines from Santa Barbara County since 1975.

Santa Barbara’s topography is unlike any other wine region. The east-west orientation of the mountain range forms a valley opening directly to the Pacific Ocean. That cool ocean breeze is a hallmark of the Santa Barbara climate, and one that Louis and Royce wanted to highlight in their wines. They acquired the three vineyards that have myriad microclimates, from cool Santa Maria Valley to moderate Los Alamos Valley, to warmer Santa Ynez Valley.

**PRODUCER:** Lucas & Lewellen

**REGION:** Santa Maria AVA

**GRAPE(S):** 100% Pinot Noir

**ALCOHOL:** 14.5%

**TOTAL ACIDITY:** 5.2 G/L

**pH:** 3.65