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Megan McGrath Gates, Winemaker

## **SCORE HIGHLIGHTS**

Lucas & Lewellen Cabernet Sauvignon, Valley View 2016 90 Pts. Wine Enthusiast

Lucas & Lewellen Pinot Noir, Santa Barbara County 2018 92 Pts. 'BEST BUY' – Wine & Spirits 91 Pts. Wine Enthusiast 90 Pts. Wine Spectator

Lucas & Lewellen Sauvignon Blanc, Santa Barbara County 2018 90 Pts. Wine Enthusiast



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Louis Lucas, Royce Lewellen, Mike Lewellen

SCORE HIGHLIGHTS Lucas & Lewellen Cote del Sol Cabernet 2017 91 Pts. Wine Enthusiast

Lucas & Lewellen Pinot Noir Goodchild High 9
2018 90 Pts. Wine Enthusiast
2017 93 Pts. 'BEST BUY' Wine & Spirits 91 Pts. Wine Enthusiast

Lucas & Lewellen Hidden Asset Red 2017 91 Pts. Wine Enthusiast 90 Pts. Gold Medal – LA Intl. Wine Comp.



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