

LUCAS & LEWELLEN ESTATE PINOT NOIR 2023

Santa Barbara County, California



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Estate Vineyards



TASTING NOTES: The judicious blending of several different clones produced a wine with aromas and flavors of bright red fruit with naturally bright acidity and good structure. Showing off aromas of dried cherries, rose petals, and a hint of dark chocolate, this is a truly extraordinary Pinot Noir. Sultry tannins and balanced acidity support flavors of cola, lavender, exotic spice, and just a trace of vineyard terroir in a lasting finish.

VITICULTURE: Originally planted from cuttings brought over from Europe over 40 years ago, Lucas & Lewellen's Los Alamos vineyard offers thick layers of clay and loam soils coupled with a temperate climate to provide ideal grape-growing conditions for Burgundian varieties. Along the acclaimed Foxen Wine Trail, the cool-climate Goodchild Vineyard consistently produces prize-winning Pinot Noir.

VINIFICATION: Following traditional fermentation methods, the Pinot Noir is ultimately barrel-aged for 10 months in 31% new French oak.

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, known for fresh and vibrant Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, to warmer Santa Ynez Valley, which produces stellar Sauvignon Blanc, Merlot and Cabernet Franc.

PRODUCER: Lucas & Lewellen

REGION: Santa Barbara County

GRAPE(S): 100% Pinot Noir

SKU: LLPN237

ALCOHOL: 14.1%

TOTAL ACIDITY: 6.0 G/L

pH: 3.68