

WINE NEWS FROM LUCAS & LEWELLEN

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LUCAS & LEWELLEN 2010 VALLEY VIEW CABERNET CHOSEN AS TOP WINE IN SAN FRANCISCO COMPETITION

Santa Barbara County, California- (January 28, 2014) A GOLD medal and a 93 point score were awarded to Lucas & Lewellen Vineyards for their 2010 *Valley View Vineyard* Cabernet Sauvignon, Santa Barbara County. This wine has been chosen by the Cabernet Shootout judging panel as one of the top wines tasted in the San Francisco wine competition.

The 8th Annual Cabernet Shootout judging panel tasted and evaluated 332 outstanding wines. 36 of the top wines were featured again in a blind tasting at The Cabernet Shootout Challenge in San Francisco on Saturday, January 18, 2014. The Lucas & Lewellen 2010 Cabernet was chosen as 3rd place above all the wines entered.

According to Lucas & Lewellen veteran viticulturist, Louis Lucas, “Over twelve years ago we set out to make a cabernet that would include all five Bordeaux varieties. At that time we planted Malbec and Petit Verdot to go along with our existing Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Cabernet Franc. Our hillside Valley View Vineyard with its south facing slope proves what can be accomplished in Santa Barbara County. It’s wonderful to receive recognition for this exceptional wine.”

Megan McGrath Gates, Director of Winemaking for Lucas & Lewellen Vineyards, added, “Valley View Vineyard is nestled on a gently sloping alluvial hillside in the Santa Ynez Valley. It is within view of the Santa Ines Mission in Solvang. The vineyards display a wide ribbon of vines cascading toward the Santa Ynez River. They are south facing and within the Santa Ynez American Viticultural Area (AVA). The sun emanating from the south allows the vines to bask in enough warmth that the grapes ripen evenly and completely. The wine we carefully craft is well balanced due to these superb grapes. Our 2010 Valley View Vineyard Cabernet beautifully captures the blending of 5 Bordeaux varietals, the essence of the terroir they were harvested from, the temperate climate of the region, and the passion of the winemaking team. This wine is a phenomenal example of the exciting new world of Bordeaux varietals being made in the Santa Ynez Valley. We are proud to take the cabernet challenge and be chosen as one of the leading wineries in this effort.”

In addition to the above honor, Lucas & Lewellen’s 2009 *CLONE 6* Cabernet Sauvignon was also awarded a GOLD medal and a 92 point score in The Cabernet Shoot Out wine competition.

The Lucas & Lewellen Vineyards Tasting Room is located at 1645 Copenhagen Drive-Solvang, CA. For more information, call 805-686-9336, or visit www.LLwine.com

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Photos or JPEGs of wines and Louis Lucas & Megan McGrath Gates readily available upon request.