

Queen of Hearts

Merlot 2011

Preface

From the Lucas & Lewellen vineyards in Santa Barbara County, Louis Lucas selects choice lots for a limited production of premium wines. Attention to detail in the vineyards yields superior quality grapes from which Megan McGrath Gates crafts award winning wines. 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 valleys all run west from the coastal mountains to the Pacific Ocean, allowing warm days and cool nights to produce a long, gentle growing season.



Vineyard: Goodchild / Los Alamos
Composition: 100% Merlot
Bottled: September 2013
Alcohol: 14.5%
Production: 1028 Cases
Suggested Retail: \$13.00
Release Date: November 2013

Vineyard Notes

Our Goodchild and Los Alamos Vineyards are warm climate vineyards in the Santa Barbara County AVA. Along both sides of the acclaimed Foxen Wine Trail, the Goodchild 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. Stretching for over a mile of Highway 101 frontage just south of the town of Los Alamos, the Los Alamos vineyards are home to over 20 varieties of grapes, representing the principal varieties of the Rhône, Burgundy and Bordeaux regions of France, as well as Italian varieties. Some of the vines planted from cuttings brought over from Europe over 25 years ago.

Winemaker Notes

Grown in our family-owned Santa Barbara County vineyards, the grapes for this Merlot were hand-harvested at the peak of their flavor. This wine exhibits blackberry and spicy aromas balanced with silky tannins, and a lingering finish.

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