

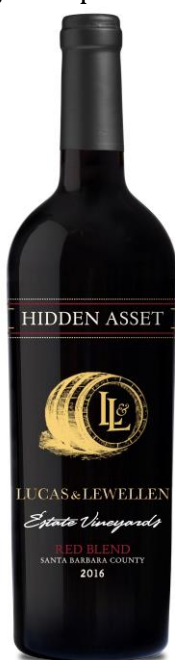
LUCAS & LEWELLEN

Estate Vineyards

2016

Hidden Asset - Red Wine

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: Los Alamos/Valley View
Composition: Malbec 32%
Merlot 30%, Syrah 26%
Petite Sirah 9%, Cabernet Franc 2.5%
Oak: 16 mos 100% French, 21% new
Bottled: March 2017
pH: 3.6
TA: 0.659
Alcohol: 14.1%
Production: 1007 Cases
Release Date: April 2017
Retail: \$25.00

Vineyard Notes Stretching for over a mile of Highway 101 frontage just south of the town of Los Alamos, these 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. With some of the vines planted from cuttings brought over from Europe over 40 years ago, these vineyards have long been a favorite source for many of California's most acclaimed wineries.

Our Valley View Vineyard is a warm climate vineyard in the Santa Barbara County AVA. Sloping gently toward the Santa Ynez River, the south-facing lower vineyard features what many consider Santa Barbara County's best Cabernet Sauvignon, in addition to Sauvignon Blanc and Syrah, much in demand by local wineries. The hilltop vineyard produces outstanding Cabernet Franc and Syrah. Small quantities of Petit Verdot and Malbec are grown to provide the Bordeaux accent to our Valley View Cabernet Sauvignon.

Winemaker Notes Lucas & Lewellen Vineyards grows many exciting but lesser known varieties. These are our "Hidden Assets". Choice lots of Malbec, Merlot, Syrah, Petite Sirah, and Cabernet Franc all grown in our premium Santa Barbara County vineyards, were blended for harmonious complexity in a rich, silky, elegant wine. Aromas and flavors of raspberry, red fruit, and pomegranate with a hint of spiciness. Lush and jammy with velvety chocolate tannins and a long finish.

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