

LUCAS & LEWELLEN

Estate Vineyards

Cabernet Franc Valley View

2016 | SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

From the Lucas & Lewellen Estate Vineyards in Santa Barbara County, Louis Lucas selects choice lots for limited production premium wines. Decades of farming and meticulous attention to detail in the vineyards yields superior quality grapes from which Winemaker Megan McGrath Gates crafts award-winning wines.

TASTING NOTES

Cabernet Franc is a very old variety which is still dominant in parts of the Loire Valley and Bordeaux. Warm summer temperatures allowed these grapes to fully ripen, giving this wine color, body, flavor and aroma. This Cabernet Franc is a beautiful deep ruby color and slightly oaky. It exhibits themes of warm earth, dark chocolate, and sage followed by ripe, chewy tannins and a long rich finish.

VINEYARD NOTES

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 valley vineyards benefit from a transverse mountain range topography, an east-west orientation which channels cool ocean air from the Pacific into the coastal valleys. Warm days and cool nights produce a long, gentle growing season. Cabernet Franc is grown in our Valley View Vineyard.

Valley View Vineyard, Santa Ynez Valley AVA, 40 acres

This warm climate vineyard slopes gently toward the Santa Ynez River and features well drained fine sand and gravely loam soils. The lower elevation of this south-facing vineyard produces what many consider Santa Barbara County's best Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc.

TECHNICAL DATA

T.A.: 5.80 g/L

pH: 3.62

Alcohol: 14.5%

Blend: 100% Cabernet Franc

Barrel Aging: 22 months French Oak

Bottling Date: February 2019

Cases Produced: 324

SRP: \$26



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