

LUCAS & LEWELLEN

Estate Vineyards

CHARDONNAY

2018 | SANTA BARBARA COUNTY



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

This wine blends Chardonnay grapes, hand-harvested from two of our estate vineyards. The cooler Los Alamos and Goodchild Vineyards provide this wine with distinct pear, peach and stone fruit complexity and a hint of lemony-citrus. It is a pure expression of the fruit grown on vines from the Los Alamos and Goodchild Vineyards in Northern Santa Barbara County.

VINEYARDS 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. Our Chardonnay is blended from grapes grown in the Los Alamos Vineyard and the Goodchild Vineyard.

Los Alamos Vineyard, Santa Barbara County AVA, 172 acres
Originally planted from cuttings brought over from Europe over 40 years ago, this vineyard is home to over 20 varieties of grapes. Thick layers of clay and loam soils coupled with a temperate climate provide ideal grape growing conditions for Rhone, Burgundian, Bordeaux and Italian varieties.

Goodchild & Old Adobe Vineyard, Santa Maria Valley AVA, 67 acres
Along both sides of the acclaimed Foxen Wine Trail, these cool climate 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.

TECHNICAL DATA

T.A.: 5.62 g/L
pH: 3.37
Alcohol: 14.0%
Blend: 100% Chardonnay
Fermentation: Cold
Bottling Date: April 2019
Cases Produced: 1459
SRP: \$17.00