

LUCAS & LEWELLEN  
*Estate Vineyards*

**Cabernet Sauvignon Cote del Sol**  
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 grapes for “COTE DEL SOL”, our reserve-level Cabernet, are hand-harvested from the south facing side of the vines only, which grow on a narrow, twenty-two row slope on our Valley View Vineyard. This Cabernet is then co-fermented with Syrah from the same vineyard, which adds a spicy, jammy note to the oak infused wine. Flavors of plum, cassis, and dried herbs overlay rich tannins and an opulent finish.

**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. Cote del Sol is crafted from grapes grown in the 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.

**TECHNICAL DATA**

T.A.: 6.47 g/L

pH: 3.54

Alcohol: 14.5%

Blend: 92% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Syrah Co-fermented

Barrel Aging: 21 months oak, 45% new

Bottling Date: July 2018

Cases Produced: 900

**SRP: \$36**

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