

LUCAS & LEWELLEN

Estate Vineyards

HIDDEN ASSET - RED WINE

2017 | 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 yield superior quality grapes from which Winemaker Megan McGrath Gates crafts award-winning wines.

TASTING NOTES

Choice lots of Malbec, Merlot, Syrah, Petite Sirah, and Cabernet Franc were blended into Hidden Asset—a complex, rich, silky and elegant wine. Aromas and flavors include raspberry and pomegranate with a hint of spice. The wine is lush and jammy with velvety chocolate tannins and a lingering finish.

VINEYARDS NOTES

The vineyards of Lucas & Lewellen are located in the three principal wine grape growing regions of Santa Barbara County: Santa Maria Valley, Los Alamos Valley and Santa Ynez Valley. These vineyards benefit from a transverse mountain range topography, an east-west orientation which channels cool Pacific Ocean air into the coastal valleys. Warm days and cool nights produce a long, gentle growing season. Hidden Asset is blended from grapes grown in the Los Alamos Vineyard and the Valley View Vineyard.

Los Alamos Vineyard, Santa Barbara County AVA, 300 acres

This vineyard was originally planted from cuttings brought over from Europe more than 40 years ago. Located in a valley on an alluvial fan consisting of well drained, moderately acidic, clay loam soils, with up to 25% shale fragments, it is ideal for growing Rhone, Burgundian and Piedmontese varieties.

Valley View Vineyard, Santa Ynez Valley AVA, 37 acres

Located on a hilltop with terraces overlooking the Santa Ynez Valley, this warm climate vineyard gently cascades down a south-facing slope toward the Santa Ynez River. The soil is moderately well drained, 'gravelly fine sandy loam', formed from shale, sandstone and granite. This hand-tended vineyard produces what many consider Santa Barbara County's best Cabernet Sauvignon.

TECHNICAL DATA

T.A.: 6.04 g/L

pH: 3.69

Alcohol: 14.1%

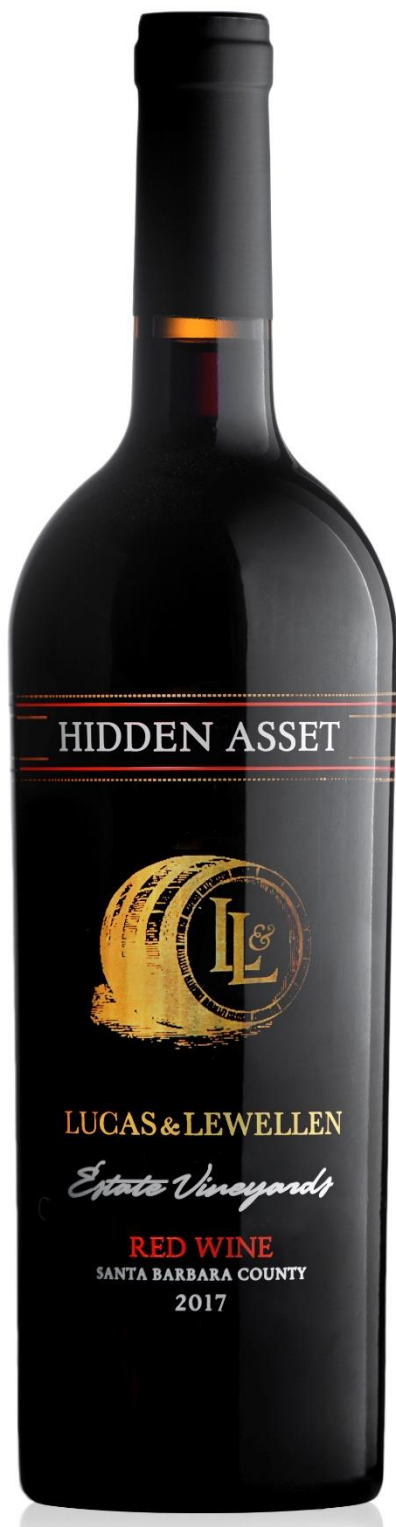
Blend: 32.5% Malbec, 30% Merlot, 26% Syrah, 9% Petite Sirah, 2.5% Cabernet Franc

Barrel Aging: 16 months oak, 100% French, 21% New

Bottling Date: March 2019

Cases Produced: 3490

SRP: \$29



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