

LUCAS & LEWELLEN

Estate Vineyards

PINOT NOIR GOODCHILD HIGH 9 **2016 | 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 is a limited vintage from the highest nine acre block of the Goodchild Vineyard, an outstanding location to grow the superior clone 667. It is aged sur lees in French oak barrels which brings forth the natural flavors of bright red fruit with smooth tannins and a lingering finish.

- The 2016 is an outstanding Pinot, continuing the legacy of our High 9 vineyard in Santa Maria, made with a judicious blending of several different clones. What impresses me most about this vineyard is that the grapes and vines fully mature at the same time. This is a difference maker. There aren't many vineyards in the world where this happens almost every year. *Louis Lucas*

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 Pinot Noir High 9 is blended from grapes grown in the Goodchild Vineyard on the 9 acres block at the top of the hill.

Goodchild 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.: 5.52 g/L
pH: 3.62
Alcohol: 14.5%
Blend: 100% Pinot Noir
Oak: French Oak
Bottling Date: December 2017
Cases Produced: 646
SRP: \$35.00