

# LUCAS & LEWELLEN

## *Estate Vineyards*

### **PINOT NOIR**

**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 yields superior quality grapes from which Winemaker Megan McGrath Gates crafts award-winning wines.

#### **TASTING NOTES**

The hand-harvested grapes for this Pinot Noir were carefully selected for complexity and elegance. The judicious blending of several different clones produced a wine with aromas and flavors of bright red fruit with naturally bright acidity and good structure. Showing off aromas of dried cherries, rose petals, and a hint of dark chocolate, this is a truly extraordinary Pinot Noir. Sultry tannins and balanced acidity support flavors of cola, lavender, exotic spice, and just a trace of vineyard terroir in a lasting 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. Our Pinot Noir is blended from grapes grown in the Goodchild and the Los Alamos Vineyards.

#### **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.

#### **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.

#### **TECHNICAL DATA**

T.A.: 5.49 g/L

pH: 3.62

Alcohol: 14.1%

Blend: 95% Pinot Noir, 5% Petite Sirah

Cooperage: 10 mos. Sur Lie in oak barrels, 31% new

Bottling Date: August 2018

Cases Produced: 2956

**SRP: \$20.00**

Lucas & Lewellen Vineyards  
95 Los Padres Way, Buellton, CA 93427  
LLWine.com | (805) 686-1081