

Queen of Hearts

Cabernet Sauvignon 2012

Preface

From the Lucas & Lewellen vineyards in Santa Barbara County, Louis Lucas selects choice lots for a limited production of premium wines. Attention to detail in the vineyards yields superior quality grapes from which Megan McGrath Gates crafts award winning wines. 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 valleys all run west from the coastal mountains to the Pacific Ocean, allowing warm days and cool nights to produce a long, gentle growing season.



Vineyard Notes

Stretching for over a mile of Highway 101 frontage just south of the town of Los Alamos, the Los Alamos vineyards are home to over 20 varieties of grapes, representing the principal varieties of the Rhône, Burgundy and Bordeaux regions of France, as well as Italian varieties. Some of the vines planted from cuttings brought over from Europe over 35 years ago.

Our Valley View Vineyard is a warm climate vineyard in the Santa Barbara County AVA. Sloping gently toward the Santa Ynez River, the south-facing lower vineyard features what many consider Santa Barbara County's best Cabernet Sauvignon, in addition to Sauvignon Blanc and Syrah, much in demand by local wineries. This hilltop vineyard produces outstanding Cabernet Franc, Syrah, and small quantities of Petit Verdot. and Malbec.

Vineyard: Valley View / Los Alamos
Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Bottled: August 2014
Alcohol: 14.5%
Production: 1238 Cases
Suggested Retail: \$14.00
Release Date: November 2014

Winemaker Notes

Grown in our family-owned Santa Barbara County vineyards, the grapes for this Cabernet Sauvignon were hand-harvested at the peak of their flavor.

This wine exhibits flavors and aromas of blackberry, raspberry, and chocolate; perfectly balanced with supple tannins and a lingering finish.

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