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CLASSICO

2015 | 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

Toccata Classico is our interpretation of the classic blends of Tuscany. This is an artful blend of California grown Italian grape varieties, made in the Super-Tuscan style. The wine has excellent structure and a long finish. This Classico embodies characteristics of red and black fruit, black cherry, smoky leather, earth and spice. Enjoy with any Italian style cuisine.

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 Classico is made from grapes grown in our Los Alamos Vineyard and Valley View Vineyards.

Los Alamos Vineyard, Santa Barbara County AVA, 172 acres

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.

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.: 6.80 g/L

pH: 3.49

Alcohol: 14.1%

Oak: 18 mos. French Oak

Composition: 50% Sangiovese, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon

5% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc, 5% Freisa, 5% Petit Verdot

Bottling Date: June 2017

Cases Produced: 346

SRP: \$29.00

