

toccata

RISERVA

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 "Riserva" is made in the prestigious tradition that has established the Super Tuscan category on the international fine wine stage. Made entirely from grapes grown in our own vineyards, this wine is anchored with Cabernet Sauvignon blended with a distinguished fusion of Freisa, Sangiovese, Merlot, and Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. Taking advantage of our two distinct growing areas, the Italian varietals ripen on our cooler Los Alamos Vineyards while the French varietals hail from both Los Alamos and the hillsides of our warmer Valley View Vineyards in the Santa Ynez Valley. Oak aging results in a wine of exceptional merit and style. The spice and zesty red fruit of the Italian contingent practically leaps from the glass, followed closely by the deeper, sweet, rich, full bodied, dark fruits, tobacco, and vanilla of the Bordeaux trio.

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 Riserva 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 gravelly 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.: 6.77 g/L

pH: 3.52

Alcohol: 14.5%

Oak: 18 mos. French Oak

Composition: 58% Cabernet Sauvignon, 26% Sangiovese,
6% Merlot, 5% Freisa, 5% Petit Verdot

Bottling Date: June 2017

Cases Produced: 117

SRP: \$42.00



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