

# LUCAS & LEWELLEN

## *Estate Vineyards*

### 2013 Pinot Noir Santa Barbara County

**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: Goodchild/Los Alamos  
Composition: 100% Pinot Noir  
Oak: 9 mos. Neutral Fr. Oak  
pH: 3.60  
TA: 0.566  
Bottled: August 2014  
Alcohol: 14.5 %  
Production: 5,222 Cases  
Suggested Retail: \$20.00  
Release Date: 2014

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**Vineyard Notes** Our Goodchild Vineyard is a cool climate vineyard located on Foxen Canyon Road in the Santa Maria Valley. Along both sides of the acclaimed Foxen Wine Trail, these 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. Our Los Alamos Vineyard is a cool climate vineyard in the Santa Barbara County AVA. Stretching for over a mile of Highway 101 frontage just south of the town of Los Alamos, these vineyards are home to 20 varieties of grapes, representing the principal varieties of the Rhone, Burgundy and Bordeaux regions of France, as well as Italian varieties. With some of the vines planted from cuttings brought from Europe over 35 years ago, these vineyards have long been a favorite source for many of California's finest wineries.

**Winemaker 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 and naturally bright acidity and good structure.

### **Medals**

2014 Pinot Noir Shoot-Out - San Francisco, CA - **GOLD, 90**  
Houston Wine Competition - **BEST OF CLASS - GOLD, 92**

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