



Lucia Wines are hand-crafted by the Pisoni Family. These wines represent a commitment to producing small lots of exceptional wines from their cool-climate growing region. Working only with vineyards they farm, Gary, Mark and Jeff Pisoni produce Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Syrah and a Rosé of Pinot Noir. Our goal is for each wine to represent the vineyard and vintage, while at the same time displaying a sense of balance, intensity of flavor and ageability.

2008 Lucia, Chardonnay Santa Lucia Highlands

The Vintage

The Santa Lucia Highlands were very fortunate in 2008. It was a year which sent difficult conditions to other parts of California, but luckily not this region. The winter was very dry, slowing vine growth and limiting yields, which resulted in intense wines. Harvest started fast, and then the weather cooled off and slowed down ripening, spreading the harvest out from September 2nd to October 24th. The 2008 Chardonnays are very aromatic and delicate with higher acid levels than former years.

The Vineyard:

The 2008 Chardonnay is produced from three small blocks at Pisoni Vineyard. The mountainous estate has garnered a great deal of acclaim for its Pinot Noir, but few connoisseurs are aware of the tiny trio of Chardonnay parcels on the property. Originally planted in 1982, these old Chardonnay vines have prospered in the cool climate of the Santa Lucia Highlands.

The Winemaking:

Lucia wines result from the fusion of ideal California weather conditions and classic Burgundian winemaking techniques. Winery practices such as fruit sorting, gravity transfers, batonage, select French oak barrels and unfiltered bottling combine to produce serious wines.

Tasting Notes:

The 2008 Lucia Chardonnay is bright gold with a slight greenish hue. The aromatics have lifted notes of spiced pineapple, white peach and creamy lemon custard. On the palate, the wine is broad with a very viscous character, and the acidity highlights a citrus/mineral backbone. There is also a hint of vanilla towards the finish. As it is unfiltered, the wine may form the slightest sediment.



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