



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, Pinot Noir, Garys' Vineyard 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 tannins in the 2008 red wines are velvety, and gentler than in former years. The resulting wines are very approachable in their youth.

The Vineyard:

The Garys' Vineyard is a joint venture between two native growers of the Santa Lucia Highlands. Gary Pisoni and Gary Francioni planted this 50-acre vineyard to Pinot Noir and Syrah in 1997. Its location on a sloping hillside in the center of the 16-mile long appellation offers a true representation of the Santa Lucia Highlands: Alluvial soils with a lot of fog and wind in the summer.

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, hand punch-downs during fermentation, select French oak barrels and unfiltered bottling combine to produce serious wines.

Tasting Notes:

The 2008 Lucia Pinot Noir, Garys' Vineyard, is a very seductive wine. The color is darker than most of our previous Garys' cuvees—a result of the exceptionally tiny berries from the very windy weather conditions around fruit-set. The aromatics are bright expressions of raspberry, black cherry and forest floor. The palate is broad and leads into a long, silky finish. The tannins are gentle, velvety and supple, allowing this wine to be consumed sooner than more powerful vintages, such as 2007, which needs more cellar time to soften.



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