



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 Santa Lucia Highlands

The Vintage

The Santa Lucia Highlands were very fortunate in 2008: A year which sent difficult conditions to other parts of California. The winter was very dry again. This slows vine growth and limits yields, producing intense wines. The harvest started fast, and then the weather cooled off, 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:

This bottling of Pinot Noir is comprised entirely of fruit from Pisoni Vineyards and Garys' Vineyard. Being a blend, this wine combines great attributes of both vineyards, and at the same time is a wonderful representation of the Santa Lucia Highlands. During the blending process, specific barrels are chosen that are more approachable young, as opposed to the single-vineyard wines, which sometimes benefit from more age.

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, Santa Lucia Highlands, is deep ruby in color. This "SLH" bottling displays bold aromatics of ripe strawberry, cherry, plum and spices of clove and sage. The focus of the wine is pure and direct. The palate has a thick texture, brought into balance by a frame of soft tannin and nice acidity (a common trait to this vintage in the Highlands).



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