



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.

2009 Lucia, Chardonnay Santa Lucia Highlands

The Vintage

2009 continued a series of very dry winters for California. These drought conditions stressed the vines and increased concentration in the wines. The spring and summer growing seasons were mild. Harvest began in early September and was finished just before the major rain event and humid weather that arrived in mid October. The 2009 wines are very well structured. The reds have high tannin levels that will allow them to age gracefully for years. The whites are showing broad textures and great acidity.

The Vineyard:

The 2009 Chardonnay is produced from three small blocks at Pisoni Vineyards. 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:

Sourced from multiple blocks at Pisoni Vineyards, the 2009 Lucia Chardonnay possesses a bright yellow-green color and a slight haze from being bottled unfiltered. The aromas are focused around floral notes and stone fruits with hints of granny smith apple, lemon meringue and brioche. Rich on that palate with flavors of citrus oil and honeysuckle, the finish is very long, and the fresh acidity leaves one's mouth watering for another sip. Drink now through 2013.



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