



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, Pinot Noir 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:

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:

Dark ruby-red in color, the 2009 Lucia Pinot Noir, "SLH" is a good representation of how we view the 2009 vintage: balanced intensity. A blend from the Garys' and Pisoni Vineyards, the Pinot Noir offers an explosive bouquet of berry, spice, sage, clove and tea leaf. The palate is powerful and full of dense tannins that will give this wine promising age-ability. The nice acid, present in many 2009s, provides the balance for this intense wine. Drink now through 2015.



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