



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 Lucy, Rosé of Pinot Noir Santa Lucia Highlands

### The Vintage

2009 was another in a series of very dry winters for California. These drought conditions stressed the vines and improved 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 temperatures 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 wine is from a blend of Pinot Noir grapes harvested from our vineyards in the Santa Lucia Highlands. Never to underestimate rose, the multiple vineyard sites contribute an added complexity to the wine in both aromatics and texture. The cool weather from the Santa Lucia highlands however, is the critical factor to maintaining the bright acidity in this rosé.

### The Winemaking:

The Lucy rosé is made utilizing the saignée process. After absorbing color from the Pinot Noir berries, a small amount of grapes juice is drained from the recently-filled fermentation tank. The juice is fermented in a both neutral oak barrels for texture, and stainless steel barrels for aromatics. This rosé undergoes no malo-lactic fermentation to maintain its acidity.

### Tasting Notes:

The 2009 Lucy Rosé of Pinot Noir carries a very pretty color reminiscent of a near-ripe strawberry. The nose boasts exuberant watermelon and wild strawberry/raspberry notes. On the palate, the wine is dry but flavorful with a peach character and a crisp, mouth-watering finish. This is one of our most complex rosés to date.



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