



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, Syrah, Susan's Hill 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:

Susan's Hill, named for Gary's sister Susan, resides on one of the highest ridges of Pisoni Vineyards. The top of Susan's Hill is exposed to the elements and receives a great deal of wind. The coarse, rocky soils ensure that the vines are extremely stressed, resulting in wines that are dark in color and very intense.

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 2009 Lucia Syrah, Susan's Hill, is dark violet in color. The aromas give way to the richness of the wine: blackberries, spring flowers, spiced plums, leather and soy. The palate has immense power and density, which are balanced by the structure, exhibiting layers and layers of broad tannins that flow into a remarkably long finish. Definitely a wine to decant, the Syrah will age well through 2020.



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