

# LUCAS & LEWELLEN VIOGNIER 2023

*Santa Barbara County, California*



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*Estate Vineyards*



**TASTING NOTES:** The hand-harvested grapes for this Viognier, farmed using sustainable practices in our Los Alamos Vineyard and Santa Ynez Valley vineyards, creates a rich and exhilarating wine with hints of melon, stone fruit and citrus. This Viognier pleases with fragrant aromas of pear and apricots. The palate is softly textured with creamy stone fruit intensity, honeysuckle notes and a satisfying long finish.

**VITICULTURE:** Los Alamos Vineyard: Santa Barbara County AVA, 172 acres. Originally planted from cuttings brought over from Europe over 40 years ago, this vineyard is home to over 20 varieties of grapes. Thick layers of clay and loam soils coupled with a temperature climate provide ideal grape growing conditions for Rhone, Burgundian, Bordeaux and Italian varieties.

**VINIFICATION:** The Viognier is fermented in stainless steel.

**FAMILY:** Louis Lucas and Royce Lewellen were friends before they were ever business partners. One of their common interests was their love of Santa Barbara County. Louis had been a successful grape grower for many years, and had the reputation to match, while Royce was a judge and dreamer who imagined what Santa Barbara could be as a wine region. They banded together to create Lucas & Lewellen Wines. Today, Michael Lewellen, Royce's son, is the managing partner, making Lucas & Lewellen a second-generation family-owned winery. The Lucas & Lewellen vineyards have become legendary for lovers of premium wines from Santa Barbara County since 1975.

Santa Barbara's topography is unlike any other wine region. The east-west orientation of the mountain range forms a valley opening directly to the Pacific Ocean. That cool ocean breeze is a hallmark of the Santa Barbara climate, and one that Louis and Royce wanted to highlight in their wines. They acquired the three vineyards that have myriad microclimates, from cool Santa Maria Valley to moderate Los Alamos Valley, known for fresh and vibrant Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, to warmer Santa Ynez Valley, which produces stellar Sauvignon Blanc, Merlot and Cabernet Franc.

**PRODUCER:** Lucas & Lewellen

**REGION:** Santa Barbara County

**GRAPE(S):** 100% Viognier

**ALCOHOL:** 13.3%

**TOTAL ACIDITY:** 6.5 G/L

**RESIDUAL SUGAR:** 0.3 G/L

**pH:** 3.3