# LUCAS&LEWELLEN Estate Vineyards

## **SAUVIGNON BLANC**

2018 | SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

From the Lucas & Lewellen Estate Vineyards in Santa Barbara County, Louis Lucas selects choice lots for limited production premium wines. Decades of farming and meticulous attention to detail in the vineyards yields superior quality grapes from which Winemaker Megan McGrath Gates crafts award-winning wines.

#### **TASTING NOTES**

This wine blends Sauvignon Blanc grapes, hand-harvested from two of our estate vineyards, with a small amount of Viognier to provide balance and interest. The cooler Los Alamos Vineyard provides crispness while the warmer Valley View Vineyard fruit brings the tropical guava and pineapple aromas with flavors of juicy white peaches and Meyer lemon that linger on the pretty finish.

#### **VINEYARDS NOTES**

The vineyards of Lucas & Lewellen are located in the three principal wine grape growing regions of Santa Barbara County: the Santa Maria Valley, the Los Alamos Valley and the Santa Ynez Valley. These valley vineyards benefit from a transverse mountain range topography, an east-west orientation which channels cool ocean air from the Pacific into the coastal valleys. Warm days and cool nights produce a long, gentle growing season. Our Sauvignon Blanc is blended from grapes grown in the Los Alamos Vineyard and the Valley View Vineyard.

**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 temperate climate provide ideal grape growing conditions for Rhone, Burgundian, Bordeaux and Italian varieties.

**Valley View Vineyard,** Santa Ynez Valley AVA, 40 acres This warm climate vineyard slopes gently toward the Santa Ynez River and features well drained fine sand and gravely loam soils. The lower elevation of this south-facing vineyard produces what many consider Santa Barbara County's best Cabernet Sauvignon.

### **TECHNICAL DATA**

T.A.: 6.04 g/L pH: 3.06 Alcohol: 13.5%

Blend: 100% Sauvignon Blanc

Fermentation: Cold Bottling Date: April 2019 Cases Produced: 884

SRP: \$18.00

