

# Lucia



## 2015 LUCIA CHARDONNAY

*With generations of farming history in Monterey County, and a commitment to making exceptional wines, The Pisoni Family hand-crafts the Lucia wines from the Pisoni, Garys' and Soberanes Vineyards of the Santa Lucia Highlands.*

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### THE VINEYARD

Lucia Chardonnay is a blend from the renowned Pisoni and Soberanes Vineyards. The Lucia appellation-based wines are a wonderful representation of our estate vineyards, of which each block is cultivated to the same high standards. These wines offer excellent value, and Jeb Dunnuck of Wine Advocate has previously described these AVA blends as “a perfect example of the incredible quality that’s consistently coming from this estate.”

### THE VINTAGE

Farming was extremely important in 2015. An unseasonably warm winter led to the earliest bud break on record in the Santa Lucia Highlands, effectively shifting the growing season to the early months of the year. Flowering occurred during cold, overcast and windy weather conditions, resulting in a poor set. Shatter was rampant. It became clear early on that 2015 would be a low-yielding vintage. With crop levels down 70% in some blocks, it was imperative that the remaining fruit be tended with utmost care. Fortunately, summer cooperated with mild temperatures and normal fog, so vine development kept its usual pace. Harvest began the last week in August and spanned the month of September. Despite the early start and finish to harvest, total time for fruit on the vines was relatively typical, and Brix levels were lower than normal due to one more year of drought stress on the vines and early phenolic maturity.

### WINEMAKING

The Pisoni Family is committed to raising and hand-crafting exceptional wines. The limited-production Lucia wines are created using classic, gentle and thoughtful winemaking techniques. Hand-picked and sorted grapes are fermented with native yeast and aged in carefully selected French oak barrels. Our state-of-the-art winemaking facility uses gravity flow as part of a custom design conceived to merge the estate vineyards and winery. This affords us complete control of the farming and winemaking process, ensuring consistently superior quality.

### TASTING NOTES

In this delightful combination from the Soberanes and Pisoni vineyards, lower yields culminate in fruit with intensity and focus. Racy aromatics of green apple and Meyer lemon interweave with spring flowers and wet stone. This chardonnay's crisp acidity and purity of expression opens seamlessly on the palate. A long, lingering finish, combined with minimal oak, allows a multitude of options when paired with food.

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**CASES PRODUCED:** 385  
**RETAIL PRICE:** \$45  
**RELEASE DATE:** Spring 2017  
**WINEMAKER:** Jeff Pisoni

**BARREL AGING:** 11 months & 20% New Oak  
**BARREL ORIGIN:** French Oak  
**FERMENTATION:** 100% Native Yeast