



# Lucia

*Lucia represents exploration. At Lucia, the Pisoni family illustrates the diversity of their region by crafting wines from three different estate-farmed and unique vineyards within the Santa Lucia Highlands: Pisoni, Garys' and Soberanes Vineyards.*

## 2019 GARYS' VINEYARD SYRAH

### *the* VINTAGE

The beautiful weather and mild seasons of 2018 continued into 2019, cultivating another excellent year for grape growers and winemakers. The 2019 vintage saw 15.2" of winter rainfall. This is dry by most region's standards, but a very nice amount for the Santa Lucia Highlands. It provided good soil moisture to start the season. Budbreak began late due to the lengthy cold front in February and March, which brought snowfall to the tops of the Santa Lucia mountain range. As the season transitioned into summer, the canopies were strong and the weather remained cool with heavy fog. Verasion developed late but progressed quickly as temperatures rose. This was beneficial in creating a consistent level of development and ripeness.

Approaching fall, weather remained steady, yet the drying soils brought harvest about more quickly: our Chardonnay grapes from Soberanes Vineyard were the first to harvest on September 13. The Pinot Noir harvest started with the Garys' Vineyard on September 14. First harvest at Pisoni Estate was Pinot Noir on September 20. The harvest then continued at a steady gallop until the final day of picking on October 16. The resulting wines show great purity and focus, with richness and concentration and exceptionally fine tannins. The 2019 vintage brings a profile that is generous in flavor, but still refined and built for aging.

### *the* VINEYARD

Garys' Vineyard has been named "one of the most famous vineyards in California" by Lettie Teague in the Wall Street Journal. It is a joint venture between Gary Pisoni and Gary Francioni, two native growers of the Santa Lucia Highlands. Pinot Noir and Syrah grapes have enjoyed long, slow growing seasons in this 50-acre parcel since 1997. The vineyard's position on a sloping hillside in the center of the 16-mile long appellation offers a true representation of the Santa Lucia Highlands: alluvial soils with heavy fog and strong, cold winds in the summer.

### *the* 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

Possessing a deep, staining purple hue from edge to edge, the 2019 Lucia Garys' Vineyard Syrah boasts with an impressively complex and powerful profile as it fills the glass. A wine that is always true to its variety, this Syrah explodes with a dizzying array of savory and dark fruit aromas. Evolving slowly, notes of white pepper, smoked meat, and star anise burst forth, but are kept in perfect balance by and unyielding, secondary bouquet of cassis and juicy blueberry pie. Rich, concentrated flavors of spiced plum and dark chocolate coat the palate, while hints of black pepper and Herbs de Provence beckon thoughts of the Old World. Well integrated tannin begins a seamless transition to the finish, where vibrant, youthful acidity born from the coastal influences of the Monterey Bay declares that this wine has just begun a long, rewarding life in bottle.

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CASES PRODUCED:	210	BARREL AGING:	15 months in 50% new oak
RETAIL PRICE:	\$60	BARREL ORIGIN:	100% French Oak
RELEASE DATE:	Summer 2021	WHOLE CLUSTER:	0%
WINEMAKER:	Jeff Pisoni	FERMENTATION:	100% Native Yeast