Lucia
by PISONI

Lucia is a small collection of wines crafted by the Pisoni family from the estate-farmed Pisoni, Garys' and Soberanes Vineyards.

2022 CHARDONNAY ESTATE CUVÉE

the VINTAGE

The 2022 vintage proved to be a year that reinforced the importance of knowing your producer. Overall, the vintage was dry and early, which resulted in beautifully fragrant and concentrated wines—but it was imperative that one acted on quick harvest decisions before an oncoming September heat wave. Rainfall was low and the California drought continued through this year. Five and a half of the seven total inches received this season fell in the month of December. This means much less rain would fall over the growing season, further stressing the vines. A warmer than average February and March began to awaken the vines earlier than expected. May brought on flowering, and with that came a stretch of cooler temperatures that slowed the growth of the vines and proved essential for tannin and color development. As a mild summer set in, smaller than average canopies and a lower-yielding crop level became apparent. A cool August allowed for phenolic development of each berry while sugar accumulation remained very slow. As September began the forecast of hotter weather materialized. All of California was facing an intense heat wave that reminded us of the 2017 and 2004 vintages. Using past vintages as a guide and wanting to harvest before the heat waves, we made longer passes through the vineyard each night to ensure all blocks were harvested at our desired moments. This approach paid off and the 2022 vintage has higher than average concentration with vibrant aromatics.

the VINEYARD

Grown exclusively from our Pisoni and Soberanes vineyards, the Lucia Estate Cuvée of Chardonnay is 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 has previously described these AVA blends as "a perfect example of the incredible quality that's consistently coming from this estate."

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

The Lucia Chardonnay Estate Cuvée continually provides a remarkable expression of the two famed vineyard sites within the Santa Lucia Highlands. The 2022 vintage proves to be no exception. Harnessed within its brilliant straw complexion, fresh aromas of red apple skin, ginger and crushed rock emerge, followed by undertones of brûléed citrus and melon. On the palate, the Soberanes Vineyard component blend offers stony minerality while the higher elevation slopes of the Pisoni Vineyard lend rounder notes of white peach and lemon oil. A rich, textured mouthfeel from 12 months of aging in 40% new French oak brings depth and a complexity that is only amplified by the vibrant and youthful acidity present on the finish.

CASES PRODUCED:	446	BARREL AGING:	11 months in 40% New Oak
RELEASE DATE:	Spring 2024	BARREL ORIGIN:	100% French Oak
WINEMAKER:	Jeff Pisoni	FERMENTATION:	100% Native Yeast
		FILTRATION/FINING:	None