Lucia
by PISONI

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

2023 SYRAH SOBERANES VINEYARD

the VINTAGE

The 2023 vintage was a test of great patience. Winter began in the Santa Lucia Highlands with significant rainfall—at eighteen inches, it was the highest seen in recent history. Following this cold and wet winter, vines shot out with vigor and strength as spring arrived. Due to the abundant rainfall, soils were teaming with activity and we quickly recognized that the season would require more work than usual in the vineyard. The farming team began shoot thinning and dropping fruit earlier and more aggressively than usual to bring the vines into balance and reduce yields to ensure physiological development. Summer and fall followed with mild weather in the Santa Lucia Highlands. This made for very slow sugar accumulation and the added hang time contributed to intense phenolic and flavor development. With this mild weather, harvest was almost a full month later than the preceding vintage—the latest seen since 1999. Low yields were essential to receive full ripeness. The final month of the growing season required additional passes to remove leaves and green clusters. Being such a late vintage, we welcomed the additional sunlight to help ripen fruit. The long, cool season ensures a bright acidity, which when combined with the rugged soils and estate-farming practices, creates rich tannins. Wines from this vintage have a trademark of vibrance to them.

the VINEYARD

The Soberanes Vineyard is the latest joint venture between the Pisoni and Franscioni families. Situated on the Santa Lucia Highlands Bench adjacent to the Garys' Vineyard and recently named "one of the appellation's most esteemed properties" by the Wine Enthusiast, the site features tightly spaced vines and is planted to 33 acres of Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Syrah. The clonal material planted in the loamy, rocky soil is very diverse and features over a dozen of the most renowned heritage selections from California and Burgundy.

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

A dark, near opaque purple, the 2023 Lucia Syrah Soberanes Vineyard is as striking visually as it is on the palate. The 100% whole cluster blends new and old-world profiles of bright fruit and subtle, fresh redwood forest notes. The granite soil makes this Syrah feel at home and deliver power with elegance. The standard low yields from our estate farming bring added concentration and purity, which was encouraged by the slow and late year of 2023. Notes of plum and blueberry jam are at the core, interlaced with subtle black olive and savory spices. There is a soft, approachable tannin structure that weaves throughout the finish. Tightly wound in the bottle, this wine will unfold beautifully with air. It is excellent now but will age gracefully in the cellar.

CASES PRODUCED:	127	**BARREL AGING:**	17 months in 40% New Oak
RELEASE DATE:	Winter 2025	**BARREL ORIGIN:**	100% French Oak
WINEMAKER:	Jeff Pisoni	**WHOLE CLUSTER:**	100%
		FERMENTATION:	100% Native Yeast