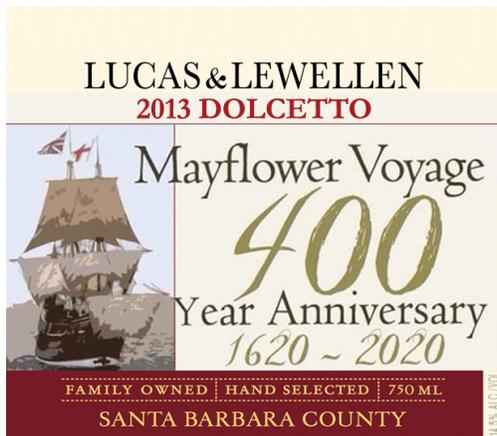


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2013 DOLCETTO

preface From the Lucas & Lewellen vineyards in Santa Barbara County, Louis Lucas selects choice lots for a limited production of premium wines. Attention to detail in the vineyards yields superior quality grapes from which Megan McGrath Gates crafts award winning wines. 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 valleys all run west from the coastal mountains to the Pacific Ocean, allowing warm days and cool nights to produce a long, gentle growing season.



Vineyard: Los Alamos
Composition: 100% Dolcetto
French Oak
Bottled: July 2014
Alcohol: 13.9%
TA: 0.559
pH: 3.75
Production: 233 Cases

vineyard notes The Los Alamos Vineyard is a cool climate vineyard in the Santa Barbara County AVA. Stretching for over a mile of Highway 101 frontage just south of the town of Los Alamos, these vineyards are home to 20 varieties of grapes, representing the principal varieties of the Rhone, Burgundy and Bordeaux regions of France, as well as Italian varieties. With some of the vines planted from cuttings brought from Europe over 40 years ago, these vineyards have long been a favorite source for many of California's best wineries.

winemaker notes Dolcetto (dohl-chet-toe): a lighter-bodied variety from Northern Italy that we grow in our family owned vineyards in Santa Barbara County. It is an old variety that is said to have originated in France and been brought to Monferrato in the 11th century. A more likely theory has the grape originating in the Piedmontese village of Dogliani. A document of 1633 records the presence of Dolcetto in the cellars of the Arboreo family of Valenza. In 1700, Barnabà Centurione sent the wine as a gift to Queen Anne of Great Britain. Dolcetto is a parent variety to several Piedmontese grapes including Valentino Nero, Passus, and San Martino

This supple, food-friendly wine with mild tannins reveals flavors of dried cherries, dark chocolate, and sage. Enjoy this easy, light drinking red wine with your favorite Italian cheese, pizza, or pasta, sausage dishes, bruschetta, or light fish fare.

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