



Garagiste

WINE CLUB

[gar-uh-zheest'] noun - A French term used to describe independent, artisan winemakers crafting small batches of wine in garage-type settings and not yet discovered by the mainstream.

Section Wines

Owners: Marco Lucchesi & Katie Thompson

Winemaker: Marco Lucchesi

Location: Santa Barbara County, California

Founded in 2014 by good friends Marco Lucchesi and Katie Thompson, Section Wines is a boutique winery in Santa Barbara County that showcases the unique terroir of the region through a distinctive collection of Rhône, Bordeaux and Tuscan-style blends. It is Marco and Katie's goal to embrace not only the great diversity of soils and vineyards found throughout Santa Barbara County, but also to celebrate Marco's Tuscan Italian heritage that ultimately led him to become a winemaker. We are happy to share one of Section Wines' latest offerings with our Garagiste Wine Club members.



Born in Pisa, Tuscany, Marco Lucchesi was immersed into the wine and food culture at a very young age and it seems he was always destined to become a winemaker. He grew up in a very traditional Italian household where great food and wine was an everyday occurrence, and his parents even owned a small local restaurant where his love affair with wine truly began. His father is also a top Sommelier in Tuscany, who taught Marco the basic foundations of wines and winemaking as he was growing up. Impressively, Marco worked his first harvest at the age of 13!

After earning a business degree in Italy, Marco found his way to California following his dream of making wine. He initially settled in Napa Valley where he enrolled in the Napa Valley College Enology program and later did a number of significant internships at such wineries as Laird, Trefethen Family Vineyards, and Judd's Hill Winery. Eventually, Marco set his sights on Santa Barbara County - he was attracted to the region because of its diversity of soils and vineyards and he knew it was the place to start his passion project of Section Wines. Marco partnered with Katie Thompson, a vineyard owner and dressage rider who happened to hire Marco to consult on her Camarillo estate; when the two were introduced, a perfect partnership blossomed and it eventually led to Section Wines.

While Marco's winemaking is founded in the style of the Old World, his approach to branding is quite modern and he enjoys intertwining his love of music and art with the flavors of the wine. In fact, the art on the labels is an important aspect of the Section Wines project. Marco and Katie work with a variety of artists, and choose pieces that enhance the wine profiles - each wine has a different image of original artwork on the front label. We hope you enjoy this special selection from Section Wines. Cheers!

Section 2020 Viognier

85 cases produced

Terra Alta Vineyards, Ballard Canyon, Santa Barbara County

A bright, bursting Viognier reminiscent of its vineyard's desirable terroir, the Section 2020 Viognier hails from the award-winning Terra Alta Vineyard in the Ballard Canyon of Santa Barbara County. On the nose, this wine captures excellent aromatics of floral apple blossoms and tropical plumeria, while the palate shows layers of pear, honeysuckle, a touch of honeydew melon. Lemon citrus splashes with mineral tones throughout, keeping the Viognier delightfully vibrant before leading into a long, refreshing finish with lingering notes of savory tarragon. Aged 4 months in stainless tanks. 100% Viognier. Enjoy!

92 Points - Wine Enthusiast

Gold Medal Wine Club Price: \$29.99 / bottle

To order, visit the Wine Store at www.GoldMedalWineClub.com or call 1-800-266-8888

*2 bottle minimum per wine, per order. Shipping and tax (if applicable) not included. Call for details.

