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## Toccata Wines

Produced under the successful Lucas and Lewellen Vineyards umbrella, Toccata Wines focuses on small-batch, estate-grown Italian varietals from Santa Barbara County's Los Alamos Valley.



Nestled within the Los Alamos Valley, just north of the Santa Ynez Valley on California's Central Coast, Toccata Wines is part of the larger and better-known Lucas and Lewellen Vineyards entity that began in the 1990's. Toccata's niche of featuring estate-grown Italian varietals however, has made the sister brand a popular and successful project all on its own.

Lucas and Lewellen, Toccata, and Queen of Hearts (the company's third winery label) came into existence when two old friends decided they wanted to get into the winery business in the right way. Long-time Central Coast grower Louis Lucas and retired Judge Royce Lewellen were both members of the Santa Maria Wine and Food Society as well as the local Rotary Club and had known each other for more than 20 years when they decided to make the move in 1996. Over lunch, Louis Lucas approached Judge Lewellen about selling one of his proven vineyards, but a deal was struck where Lewellen bought a 50 percent interest in both Lucas Brothers Vineyards - if Lucas would continue to farm them. Two years later, the partners bought another top area vineyard and became a major supplier to numerous wineries throughout the State of California.

Louis Lucas had prior experience with the winery side of the business as well, when he was involved with Tepusquet Vineyards during the 1970's, and a decision was ultimately made to enter the vintner side of wine industry as well.

The state-of-the-art winery, built in nearby Buelton, was completed in 2002 and encompasses more than 20,000 square feet - allowing for Lucas and Lewellen's penchant for producing a wide range of varietals under their three winery labels.

The grapes for Toccata Wines come from the Los Alamos Valley where warm summer days and cool, coastal nights provide the perfect growing environment for Italian varietals. Originally planted from cuttings brought over from Italy's legendary vineyards, Toccata's grapes and wines stay true to their Mediterranean heritage. Winemaker Megan McGrath masterfully blends the ripe fruit into aromatic, full-flavored wines while maintaining the varietal character that has made these Italian wines popular for generations.

Toccata's wines can be tasted in the Danish-inspired tourist village of Solvang in the Santa Ynez Valley. The space offers a fun and relaxed wine tasting experience where visitors can enjoy the boutique collection of Italian wines the brand has to offer. Cheers!



## Toccata 2021 'Barrel Selection' Pinot Noir

Santa Barbara County, California

The Toccata 2021 'Barrel Selection' Pinot Noir was produced from Lucas & Lewellen's Los Alamos Valley Vineyard, located along Highway 101 just south of the town of Los Alamos in Santa Barbara County. Some of the vines planted here are from cuttings brought over from Europe more than 25 years ago! These vines have long been a favorite source for many of California's most acclaimed wineries. While Pinot Noir may be best recognized as a French varietal, the grape is also grown in the Asti region of Italy, where it is referred to as "Pinot Nero." The grapes for Toccata's 2021 'Barrel Selection' Pinot Noir were hand-harvested and carefully selected for complexity and elegance. Several different Pinot Noir clones were blended together in the process. Aromas of dried cherries, rose petals and hints of dark chocolate open on the nose, while the palate offers sultry tannins and balanced, bright acidity to support flavors of cola, lavender, and exotic spices. 100% Pinot Noir. Enjoy!

**Alcohol** 14%

**Aged** 9 months in oak

**Cases Produced** 351

**Farming** Hand-harvested

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