

## Luli Wines

Luli represents a partnership formed by Sara Floyd and the Pisoni Family. Sara Floyd is a Master Sommelier with many years of food and wine experience. The Pisoni Family is known for their eponymous vineyard in the Santa Lucia Highlands and for Pisoni Estate and Lucia wines

Deciding they would make a great partnership and noting the shortage of handcrafted wines at reasonable prices, they set out to create a new line of wines for this niche. To achieve this, Floyd and the Pisoni Family focus on purchasing grapes from multiple vineyards in the Santa Lucia Highlands and the greater Monterey County—California coastal regions excellent for growing cool climate grapes.



Vintage Notes: Dedicated time spent in the vineyards was critical for the 2015 farming season. An unseasonably warm winter led to the earliest bud break on record in the Santa Lucia Highlands, effectively shifting the growing season to the early months of the year. May was cold, overcast and windy, which were not ideal conditions for flowering. This triggered the vines' metabolic response to weather conditions that discourages grapes from developing properly—or “shatter”, which resulted in an extremely low-yielding vintage. Fortunately, summer cooperated with mild temperatures and normal levels of fog, so vine development kept its usual pace. The resulting small yield of fruit had a nice balance of sugar levels and time spent on the vine. Harvest began the last week in August and spanned the month of September.

SANTA LUCIA HIGHLANDS



CHARDONNAY



**Varietal/Blend:** Chardonnay

**Farming Practices:** sustainable

**Vine Training:** Guyot

**Harvest Technique:** by hand in late August through September

**Yeast:** ambient

**Fermentation:** whole-cluster press / spontaneous

fermentation in neutral barrels with minimal lees stirring

**Alcohol:** 13%

**Fined:** no

**Filtered:** yes

**Country:** United States

**Region:** California

**Sub Region:** Santa Lucia Highlands

**Vineyard:** two low-yield vineyards

**Production #s:** 2,700 cs

The 2015 Luli Chardonnay possesses fresh aromatics and a focused mouthfeel. Weather conditions and stressed vines allowed for harvesting of lower brix, which in turn provides a vibrant, uplifting quality. Floral aromas are matched with undertones of blood orange and stone fruit. A juicy, slightly weighted mid-palate from the neutral oak barrels transitions seamlessly to minerality and mouthwatering acidity.