

LIEU DIT

‘These impeccably made wines have lots of character, represent superb values in most cases and are well worth checking out.’ -Robert Parker

Year Founded: 2011

Region: Santa Ynez

Winemaker: Justin Willett

Known for: Being Lieu-dicious

Another Cool fact: Lieu-dit is a French toponymic term for a *small geographical area bearing a traditional name. The name usually refers to some characteristic of the place, its former use, a past event, etc.*

-Sustainable and Natural-

We love the idea that the vineyards that grow the best grapes gain enough of a reputation that everyone starts calling them by their name. In our little corner of sunny Santa Barbara, California, we know the best places where the grapes we love are responsibly grown. And that helps us make simple, delicious, honest wine. We focus on three French grape varieties that

make classic, food-friendly wines. Sauvignon Blanc, Chenin Blanc, and Cabernet Franc. From these grapes we make wines to enjoy everyday and on special occasions. Justin Willett is a father, husband, winemaker, and proud son of sunny Santa Barbara, California. It takes a native son to know the names of all the region's hidden places where responsibly grown grapes can be made into consciously crafted wine.



2023 Sauvignon Blanc, Santa Ynez

Sourced from three vineyards in the Happy Canyon AVA, at the far eastern reaches of the Santa Ynez Valley: Tyler Winery's monopole, China Blue; McGinley Vineyard (formerly known as Westerly Vineyard, and host to the first plantings of Sauvignon Blanc in the appellation); and the Santa Ynez Vineyard—a 170 acre vineyard - planted to some 30 varieties - on a 1,000 acre conservation easement that will protect the natural beauty and viticultural legacy of this region for generations to come. Chamise shaley loam with serpentine cobbles. Neutral French oak and stainless steel.

92 Points - Vinous - *"Fabulous. Bright and nervy to the core, the 2023 is an absolute delight. Lime, crushed rocks, mint, sage and white pepper all race across the palate. This weightless, nervy Sauvignon Blanc from Lieu-Dit is irresistible."*



2022/2023 Chenin Blanc, Santa Ynez 12/.750L \$18.10 | \$217.20

Sourced from our hillside lieu-dit at the Happy Canyon vineyard in the Santa Ynez Valley, this block was grafted to Chenin Blanc clippings from the famed Jurassic Park Vineyard in 2015. Once pressed, the juice is then tank fermented using only native yeast. We then transfer to neutral oak barrels for the winter to help build texture and structure while maintaining freshness. The wine is then racked back to a stainless tank prior to bottling in the spring resulting in a fresh, mouthwatering wine.

92 Points - '22 Vinous – “Deep and textured. Pear, chamomile, dried herbs, menthol, sage and earthy notes all grace this super-expressive, immensely satisfying Chenin. All the elements are very nicely balanced.”



2022 Cabernet Franc, Santa Ynez 12/.750L \$23.50 | \$282.00

2014 1.5L \$45.63 | \$273.81

‘Top 100 Wines’ -Wine Enthusiast 2021

Sourced from two blocks in the Happy Canyon Vineyard - in the easternmost sub-appellation of the Santa Ynez Valley - from Rock Hollow Vineyard, just west of Los Olivos; and Justin Willett's monopole in Happy Canyon, China Blue. The wine is fermented using native yeast and partial whole clusters. Once dry, we rack the wine to tank before transferring to neutral oak barrels for the winter. Once malo is complete, we transfer to tank prior to bottling in late spring.

93 Points – Vinous – “The 2022 Cabernet Franc screams with varietal character. Strong floral and savory notes meld into a core of red/purplish fruit in this layered, vibrant red. There's a bit of tannic drive here that needs time to soften, but then again that is Franc. This is a very pretty wine in a hugely challenging year.”