

Hook, Lone Oak & Doctor's Vineyards are some of the most celebrated sites in the Santa Lucia Highlands. Doctor's vineyard was planted in 2002 and was certified sustainably farmed by the Central Coast Vineyard Team (CCVT) in 2011. This certification acknowledges the best management practices for habitat conservation, energy efficiency, economic sustainability, water conservation and pest control. Located west of Soledad township, it's an exquisite parcel perched along the slopes above the Salinas valley. Of the 243 acres of grapes, 193 acres are planted to Pinot Noir (11 clones), 45.5 acres are planted to Syrah (5 clones) with the remainder planted to Malbec. Wines from Doctor's Vineyard are uniformly dark, dense, supple, opulent, structured and distinctive. This eastern-facing vineyard is situated just above the fog line to take advantage of the ripening morning sun on the western side of the Salinas River valley. The loose, nutrient depleted soils force the vines to produce wonderfully complex fruit flavors with vibrant acidity. During selected vintages, Loos Family may create a vineyard designate wine from one or more of these vineyards or create a "Coastside Cuvée" using a combination of fruit from Doctor's and/or neighboring Lone Oak and/or Hook Vineyards.



A stunning eastern view of the Salinas River valley from atop Doctor's Vineyard.

Santa Lucia Highlands AVA This appellation is located at the warmer end of the Santa Lucia Mountains. Of course, "warmer end" is a relative term because this AVA is quite cool! The long growing season creates grapes with tremendous character. Fruit from Santa Lucia Highlands show more bold fruit flavors than vineyards that are just a few miles away and closer to Monterey Bay.