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## Los Pilares, LaDona's

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Producer	Los Pilares
Vendor	Jenny & François Selections
Category	Wine - Sparkling - White
Grape variety	Muscat
Region	California, United States
Subregion	San Diego County

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### Distributor's notes

Slightly effervescent with small bubbles. Honey, ginger, and flowers in the nose. Dry with a refreshingly bitter bite from the skin contact. Good for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

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### About the producer

We want to be a part of the rebirth and reinvention of an old wine region — San Diego County. It's a group effort, and people like Eric Van Drunen of Vinavanti, Chris Broomell of Vesper Vineyards, Don Armstrong of McCormick Ranch, and Michael and Heather Hunter of Hunter & Mazzetti Vineyard have helped us a lot.

Our pre-industrial, minimalist methods are simple and careful. We get healthy grapes grown without chemical pesticides or herbicides and treat them with respect. To us that means little or no sulfur, ambient yeast fermentations, no adjustments to the must, no added sugars (even for sparkling wine), no coloring agents, tannins, or acids, and no new oak.

Even within these narrow bounds (or maybe especially within these narrow bounds), we experiment freely. Fermentations have been various — whole-cluster, whole-berry, carbonic, foot-stomped, crushed, and destemmed. Sometimes we press early. Sometimes we extend the maceration period. We have made several undisgorged pétillants naturels, including an orangey-white one with three days of skin contact. We even made a rosé that spent a week on the skins.

It seems right to experiment in a region that is currently not known for any type of wine. We have no orthodoxy in San Diego.

If our dream comes true, one day people will look back at one of our wines and say, "that was the beginning of San Diego's new winemaking tradition."

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