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90 points - Luca Beso de Dante 2000

90 points - Luca Syrah 2002

89 points - Luca Malbec 2001

89 points - Luca Chardonnay 2002



Luca Syrah 2002 - Enticing nose combines black raspberry, coffee, woodsmoke, licorice, violet and spices. A sweet, sappy, spicy midweight, with dark berry flavors lifted by a peppery element. Graceful and fresh, finishing with fine tannins and lingering berry flavors. Very good modern-style Argentine syrah.

Luca Malbec 2001 - Raspberry and cinnamon aromas...juicy, intensely flavored and elegant in the mouth, with a silky texture and ripe acidity that reminded me of red Burgundy. Fresh red berry, spice and floral flavors.

Luca Beso de Dante 2000 - Complex nose combines black raspberry, currant, dried rose and cardamom. Super ripe but juicy, with a strong spice character and a rather sophisticated texture. Very suave, supple wine, with sexy oak treatment. Finishes with ripe tannins and lingering notes of currant, cinnamon and tobacco.

Luca Chardonnay 2002 - Subtle aromas of apricot, peach and honey, complemented by sexy oak and nicely lifted by mint and cilantro. Ripe and rich on the palate, with stone fruit, game and spicy oak flavors complicated by fresh herbs. Nicely structured...with a subtle creaminess in the middle.