



# LINCOURT

## *Courtney's* 2017 CHARDONNAY

### OVERVIEW

When Bill Foley founded Lincourt in 1996, the Sta. Rita Hills region of Santa Barbara county was largely undiscovered. Today it is one of California's most coveted, cool-climate, viticultural regions. Lincourt's wines are produced entirely from our two estate vineyards within the AVA. They are rolling hillside sites that offer 'limiting' soils, large diurnal temperature swings and long growing seasons. Our wines are rich, structured, fruit forward and regionally exact.

### SUSTAINABILITY

At Lincourt, we believe that a vibrant, living environment has a positive effect on the health of the vines and the character and quality of the wines. To ensure the vitality of our land and the authenticity of our wines, we use sustainable methods in all of our farming, winemaking and business practices.

### VINTAGE

The 2017 vintage will not be easily forgotten. We spent the entirety of the growing season anxiously anticipating each shift in the weather pattern as we were given one unusual event after the other. An early bud-break was threatened by a few sporadic morning frosts, but overall, seasonal temperatures averaged out to be moderate-to-cool. As summer was coming to a close, we were hit with a week of high temperatures that bumped sugars high enough to trigger harvest. Once the weather settled back down to a normal range we were able to stabilize our picking schedule. Ultimately, crop yields were average with beautiful fruit quality.

### VINEYARDS & WINEMAKING

As part of the original Spanish Land Grant, Rancho Santa Rosa is one of Santa Barbara's most historic properties. This beautiful south-facing hillside climbs from 500 to 1,000 feet above sea level. The grapes were gently whole-cluster pressed and transferred to tank. Next, after a day of cold-settling, the juice was racked to neutral French oak barrels and a concrete vessel. It was then fermented using native yeast for primary and secondary fermentation. With intention, no new oak was applied to the wine in order to highlight the fruit, terroir, and concrete vessel. After 16 months of aging sur lie in French oak barrels and concrete, the wine was blended and bottled.

### TASTING NOTES

The 2017 Courtney's Chardonnay offers aromas of fresh citrus coupled with a bright acidity and lean minerality on the palate. Reminiscent of fresh-squeezed lemon juice, this wine pairs perfectly with a variety of sea fare such as oysters and shrimp scampi.

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| APPELLATION   | Sta. Rita Hills                                     |
| VINEYARD      | Rancho Santa Rosa East, Block 28                    |
| HARVEST DATE  | August 31 - October 16, 2017                        |
| COMPOSITION   | 100% Chardonnay                                     |
| BARREL AGING  | 16 months in concrete vessel and neutral French oak |
| ALCOHOL       | 14.3%   |
| TA            | 7.0 g/L   |
| pH            | 3.28  |
| BOTTLING DATE | April 4, 2019                                       |
| PRODUCTION    | 413 cases   |