



LINCOURT

Willie Mae
2015 PINOT NOIR

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, viticulture regions. Lincourt's wines are produced entirely from estate vineyards within the AVA. They are rolling, hillside sites that offer limiting soils, large diurnal temperature swings and long, 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 2015 vintage experienced above average temperatures and no hard dormancy. This resulted in early bud break followed by a cooling period which created a lull in flowering and set, especially in the lower elevation blocks. The grapes were high in quality with lower than average yields. The fruit had smaller berry size, cluster size and weight which ultimately translated into intense flavor concentration. As a result, the 2015 vintage is rich, complex, and intense in character.

VINEYARDS & WINEMAKING

As part of the original Spanish Land Grant, the Rancho Santa Rosa Vineyard is one of Santa Barbara's most historic properties. This beautiful south-facing hillside climbs from 500 to 1,000 feet above sea level. This wine features Pinot Noir clone 115. Following harvest, the fruit was cold soaked for four days and then fermented in open tops with regular punch downs to extract maximum color and flavor. It was aged in 100% French oak barrels (30% new) for 18 months.

TASTING NOTES

Named after Proprietor Bill Foley's aunt, our 2015 Willie Mae Pinot Noir is for the cool climate Pinot Noir connoisseur. Beautiful aromas of spiced red plum and cherry fruit are accented by hints of violet. The palate is light bodied and delicate with candied red fruit flavors of raspberry, cherry and touches of spicy black pepper. The 30% new oak results in balanced tannins and an elegant profile.

APPELLATION	Sta. Rita Hills
VINEYARD	Rancho Santa Rosa West
HARVEST DATE	August 19 – October 1, 2015
COMPOSITION	100% Pinot Noir
BARREL AGING	18 months in French oak, 30% new
ALCOHOL	14.3%
TA	7.0 g/L
pH	3.61
BOTTLING DATE	March 30, 2017
PRODUCTION	467 cases