



LINCOURT

Santa Ynez Valley
2016 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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 estate vineyards within the AVA. To ensure the vitality of our land and authenticity of our wines, we use sustainable farming and winemaking methods.

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

2016 was an excellent vintage producing moderate yields and highly concentrated fruit. Bud break occurred on February 17, followed by a cooling period which caused a prolonged bloom and set. Overall the vine canopy growth was much stronger than in 2015, as the vines took advantage of increased rainfall in the winter. The grapes came into the winery from August 26 - October 4, showing great balance and bright fruit tones.

VINEYARDS & WINEMAKING

The grapes for the 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon were sourced from our recently replanted La Cuesta Vineyard in the Santa Ynez Valley. The combination of full sun exposure, low rainfall, long growing season, and porous soils makes the Santa Ynez Valley a great site for all the Bordeaux varieties. The grapes were hand harvested from August 26 - October 4, 2016 and stored in open top fermenters, then pressed off to barrel for secondary fermentation. It was aged for 20 months in French oak barrels of which 70% were new.

TASTING NOTES

The 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon is a blend of clones 47, 7 and Heritage. It has bright, fruit-driven aromatics, with notes of dried cherry, cassis, cranberry, and a hint of graphite. On the palate there is a prominent finish of dark roasted espresso and charred vanilla bean. The wine is juicy and has playful fruit notes of pomegranate and dried blueberry fruit with rustic accents of thyme and spiced cedar. This is the perfect wine to bring to a summer BBQ, bold enough to pair with red meat but approachable enough for a casual gathering.

APPELLATION	Santa Ynez Valley
VINEYARD	La Cuesta Vineyard
HARVEST DATE	August 26 - October 4, 2016
COMPOSITION	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
BARREL AGING	20 months in French oak, 70% new
ALCOHOL	14.3%
TA	6.7 g/L
pH	3.79
BOTTLING DATE	June 19, 2018
PRODUCTION	570 cases