



LINCOURT

Rancho Santa Rosa 2017 PINOT NOIR

OVERVIEW

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. 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 growing season started off bold with unseasonably early bud break. Overall the growing season temperatures were moderate to cool, rendering moderate and uniform berry set. As harvest approached, Mother Nature delivered extremely warm temperatures which cued the start of harvest on August 31. Harvest wrapped up October 16 resulting in moderate yields and full flavor development.

VINEYARDS & WINEMAKING

The fruit for our Pinot Noir came from our estate Rancho Santa Rosa Vineyard in the Sta. Rita Hills AVA. It was hand-harvested and sorted in the vineyard prior to arrival at the winery. The clusters were then carefully destemmed to keep the berries intact. Additional hand sorting removed any jack stems before the fruit was transferred to small, stainless steel, open-top fermenters. The juice and skins were cold-soaked for four days prior to fermentation and then gently punched down for several days. After primary fermentation was complete, the new wine was drained and the skins were gently pressed.

TASTING NOTES

As the flagship Pinot Noir from Lincourt, our Rancho Santa Rosa bottling embodies the essence of the cool climate Sta. Rita Hills. The 2017 vintage displays aromatics of sweet cherries and dried strawberries with hints of hibiscus tea. On the palate, this wine presents itself as a light bodied Pinot Noir with nuance of violets, Chambord, cedar, and classic black pepper notes of Sta. Rita Hills fruit. Lightly toasted oak tones frame the fruit, providing structure without overwhelming the palate; the perfect Pinot Noir to pair with a savory mushroom ragu.

APPELLATION	Sta. Rita Hills
VINEYARD	Rancho Santa Rosa
HARVEST DATE	August 31 - October 16, 2017
COMPOSITION	100% Pinot Noir
BARREL AGING	10 months in French oak, 21% New
ALCOHOL	13.9%
TA	6.3 g/L
pH	3.49
BOTTLING DATE	August 28, 2018
PRODUCTION	11,072 Cases