



LINCOURT

Sta. Rita Hills 2020 GRÜNER VELTLINER

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 2020 growing season began with a dry, cool weather pattern that led to a 3-day heat surge of 100+°F temperatures in July. Though nearby fires greatly diminished air quality in the area, we were fortunate not to face any immediate threats to the winery. Through all the layers of challenges 2020 presented, the sense of comradery in our team grew and the result is a vintage of expressive and delightful wines.

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. The grapes were hand harvested in the cool, early morning hours. After whole cluster pressing, the juice was cold-settled for 24 hours and then racked to stainless steel tanks for primary fermentation with native yeast. It was fermented to dryness and aged sur lie for 2 months.

TASTING NOTES

The 2020 Grüner Veltliner offers refreshing characters of fresh, ripe peach and stone fruit aromatics, accented by pops of lemon and lime zest. Flavors of white nectarine and lemon dominate the palate with traces of grapefruit and a racy minerality.

APPELLATION	Sta. Rita Hills
VINEYARD	Rancho Santa Rosa West
HARVEST DATE	August 25 - October 20, 2020
COMPOSITION	100% Grüner Veltliner
ALCOHOL	12.5%
TA	7.4 g/L
pH	3.17
BOTTLING DATE	December 8, 2020
PRODUCTION	220 cases