



LINCOURT

Annie Dyer
2018 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, 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 2018 vintage kicked off with an extremely unusual heat spike in February that sent the vines into a rapid, early start but was quickly followed by a cold spell. Frost events had longer duration than prior years and the season continued its cold to moderate temperature pattern through May. The first pop of real heat finally arrived mid-June and temperatures remained moderate the rest of the growing season allowing the grapes to gradually ripen. We started picking 3 weeks later than typical but the rich flavor profiles were worth the wait.

VINEYARDS & WINEMAKING

As part of the original Spanish Land Grant, 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 clones Pommard, 459 and 777. After 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 for 16 months in 60% new French oak barrels.

TASTING NOTES

The 2018 Annie Dyer Pinot Noir opens with aromas of ripe fruit, dark boysenberry and dried blue fruit with hints of cocoa. On the palate this Pinot is big, chewy and bold with classic Sta. Rita black pepper notes, espresso, hints of fresh brewed coffee and chocolate covered raspberries. It is rich, lush and lingers on the finish.

APPELLATION	Sta. Rita Hills
VINEYARD	Rancho Santa Rosa West and East
HARVEST DATE	August 31 - October 16, 2018
COMPOSITION	100% Pinot Noir
BARREL AGING	16 months in French oak, 60% new
ALCOHOL	14.1%
TA	6.68 g/L
pH	3.5
BOTTLING DATE	April 13, 2020
PRODUCTION	260 cases