



LINCOURT

Sta. Rita Hills

2019 CAROL ANN CHARDONNAY

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, 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 2019 vintage began with a long, cool growing season staging us for a later than normal start date to harvest. We had some intense Labor Day heat which pushed the vines to maturation. The disease pressure was low and quality was good across the board. Harvest wrapped up on October 23 with mother nature delivering us a roller coaster of a season, but with it, a nuance and diversity of fruit expression unique to this vintage.

VINEYARDS & WINEMAKING

As part of the original Spanish Land Grant, Rancho Santa Rosa Vineyard is one of Santa Barbara's most historic properties. This south-facing hillside climbs from 500 to 1,000 feet above sea level. It features 59 individual micro-blocks delineated by terroir, soil type, elevation, grade and exposure to the maritime winds off the Pacific Ocean. The grapes were gently wholecluster pressed and transferred to tank after harvest. Regular stirring of the lees imparted additional viscosity and complexity. The wine was aged for 17 months in French oak barrels, 33% new.

TASTING NOTES

Our Carol Ann Chardonnay takes its name after Proprietor Bill Foley's wife. This gorgeous wine is a prime representation Sta. Rita Hills chardonnay with its balance of austerity and elegance. Vibrant notes of ripe pineapple, peach, citrus blossom and fresh lemon complement ribbons of vanilla wafer and honeycomb making it a wonderful complement to a variety of foods.

APPELLATION	Sta. Rita Hills
VINEYARD	Rancho Santa Rosa West and East
HARVEST DATE	September 12 - September 25, 2019
COMPOSITION	100% Chardonnay
BARREL AGING	17 months in French oak, 40% new
ALCOHOL	14.3%
TA	7.2 g/L
pH	3.30
BOTTLING DATE	June 15, 2021
PRODUCTION	179 cases