



LINCOURT

Sta. Rita Hills 2019 STEEL 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 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 started off with an extended cool growing season staging us for a later than normal start date to harvest. We had some concerns, but just like clockwork, we got some intense Labor Day heat which pushed the vines to maturation. The disease pressure was low and quality was good so having a little patience was a good virtue to possess. We also had the anomaly of a hard frost the first week of October with temperatures dipping down to 29° in some of the lower elevation blocks pushing us to pull in the last bit of fruit quickly. Harvest wrapped up on October 23 with mother nature delivering us a roller coaster of weather but with it a nuance and diversity of fruit expression.

VINEYARDS & WINEMAKING

The grapes were handpicked in the cool, early morning hours to retain fruit integrity. After whole cluster pressing, the juice was fermented in stainless steel tanks using a special yeast strain that is ideal for cool-climate Chardonnay. To emphasize freshness, varietal purity and regional character, malolactic fermentation was prevented.

TASTING NOTES

Our 2019 Steel Chardonnay has aromatics of fresh lemon lime flower with hints of fresh guava juice. On the palate, it has a bright citrus pop with accents of nectarine and fresh yellow peach that linger on the finish. This is the perfect spring time brunch wine.

APPELLATION	Sta. Rita Hills
VINEYARD	Rancho Santa Rosa West and Rancho Santa Rosa East
HARVEST DATE	September 24 - November 2, 2018
COMPOSITION	93% Chardonnay, 7% Grüner Veltliner
ALCOHOL	14.1%
TA	7.22 g/L
pH	3.46
BOTTLING DATE	December 2, 2019
PRODUCTION	5,200 cases