



# LINCOURT

## *La Cuesta Vineyard* 2017 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

### 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 estate vineyards within the AVA. To ensure the vitality of our land and authenticity of our wines, we use sustainable farming and winemaking methods.

### 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 vintage is one I will never forget. It was a year of growth and challenges hurled at us by mother nature. The growing season started off bold with early bud break followed by a few sporadic frost events. Overall, the growing season temps 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 17 resulting in moderate yields and full flavor development.

### VINEYARDS & WINEMAKING

The grapes for the 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon were sourced from our recently replanted La Cuesta Vineyard in the Santa Ynez Valley. The combination of full sun exposure, low rainfall, long growing season, and porous soils makes the Santa Ynez Valley a great site for all the Bordeaux varieties. The grapes were hand harvested from August 31 - October 16, 2017 and stored in open top fermenters, then pressed off to barrel for secondary fermentation. It was aged for 18 months in French oak barrels of which 44% were new.

### TASTING NOTES

This wine has vibrant and rich aromatics of concentrated cassis berry with hints of red and blue fruit tones. On the palate, it has medium body and hints of graphite that are reminiscent of Cabernets from Bordeaux. It has New World bold fruit accents of a plum/rhubarb cobbler and is rippled with French oak tones of cocoa, espresso bean and toasted vanilla. This wine would be pair perfectly with steak frites.

APPELLATION	Santa Ynez Valley
VINEYARD	La Cuesta Vineyard
HARVEST DATE	August 31 - October 16, 2017
COMPOSITION	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
BARREL AGING	18 months in French oak, 44% new
ALCOHOL	13.9%
TA	6.7 g/L
pH	3.73
BOTTLING DATE	June 10, 2019
PRODUCTION	551 cases