



LINCOURT

2021 PINOT NOIR

RANCHO SANTA ROSA – STA. RITA HILLS



When Proprietor 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 wines are produced primarily from two estate vineyards within the AVA – wines that are rich, structured, fruit forward, and regionally exact.

VINTAGE

The 2021 vintage was marked by a cooler and longer growing season, which provided fruit of wonderful concentration. The moderate weather throughout the year in the Sta. Rita Hills provided incredible fruit quality and balanced acid levels. Harvest was completed on October 23, 2021.

VINEYARDS & WINEMAKING

The fruit for this wine was harvested and sorted in the vineyard prior to arrival at the winery. The clusters were then carefully destemmed to keep the berries intact. Additional hand sorting removed any jack stems before the fruit was transferred to small, stainless steel, open-top fermenters. The juice and skins were cold soaked for 4 days prior to fermentation and then gently punched down for several days. After primary fermentation was complete, the new wine was drained and the skins were gently pressed. The Pinot Noir was aged for 10 months in French oak barrels, 20% new.

TASTING NOTES

The 2021 Rancho Santa Rosa Pinot Noir embodies the essence of the cool climate St. Rita Hills. This wine opens with aromas of ripe fruit, dark boysenberry, and ribbons of red and black fruit. On the palate this Pinot Noir offers classic notes of black pepper, boysenberry, plum, and dark cherry with a soft finish of dark cacao and pomegranate. The wine has moderate tannins, balanced acidity, and lush fruit on the finish.

APPELLATION *Sta. Rita Hills* | **COMPOSITION** *100% Pinot Noir*

HARVEST DATES *September 8 – October 23* | **COOPERAGE** *10 months in French oak, 20% new*

ALCOHOL *14.1%* | **TA** *5.6 g/L* | **pH** *3.6*

3,567 cases bottled December 6, 2022



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