



LINCOURT

PINOT NOIR

Lindsay
2022



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 prominent event of vintage 2022 was an unprecedented heat wave that occurred September 1 - 8, with temperatures reaching 106 degrees. Industry wide, we have referred to this anomaly as the “heat dome.” As harvest progressed, we experienced a bit of rain, lightning, and humidity pressure from Hurricane Kay mid-September. Mother Nature dealt us a surprising number of challenging weather circumstances, but overall 2022 delivered beautifully balanced, light-bodied wines.

VINEYARDS & WINEMAKING

The sustainably-farmed fruit for Lindsay's Pinot Noir comes from a beautiful south-facing hillside that climbs from 500 to 1,000 feet above sea level. It is a rolling hillside site that offers 'limiting' soils, large diurnal temperature swings, and a long growing season. The 2022 features Pinot Noir clones 115 and 114. The fruit was harvested and sorted in the vineyard with the clusters, then carefully destemmed to keep the berries intact. The fruit was cold soaked for 4 days and then fermented in open top bins with regular punch downs to extract maximum color and flavor. After primary fermentation was complete, the wine was drained and the skins were gently pressed. The Pinot Noir was aged for 18 months in neutral French oak barrels.

TASTING NOTES

The 2022 Lindsay Pinot Noir offers a bouquet of fresh raspberries and cherry cola. This wine is fruit-forward with juicy berry medley flavors married with hints of earthy pomegranate, black cherry, and fresh black pepper with elegant tannins lingering on the finish. This wine pairs well with duck with a black cherry pan sauce or crispy pork belly.

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

HARVEST DATES *September 8 - October 23* | **COOPERAGE** *18 months in neutral French oak*

ALCOHOL *13.8%* | **TA** *5.89 g/L* | **pH** *3.58*

1,000 cases bottled April 15, 2024



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