

Sta. Rita Hills 2021 GRÜNER VELTLINER

Overview

When Vintner 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 2021 vintage was a cooler growing season with the latest harvest we've had in many years. We had some concerns, but we worked as a team to beat all obstacles thrown our way. The moderate weather in Santa Barbara County provided good fruit quality and balanced acid levels. Harvest was completed on October 23.

VINEYARDS & WINEMAKING

As part of the original Spanish Land Grant, the Rancho Santa Rosa Vineyard is one of Santa Barbara's most historic properties. This beautiful south-facing hillside climbs from 500 to 1,000 feet above sea level. The grapes were hand harvested in the cool, early morning hours. After whole cluster pressing, the juice was cold-settled for 24 hours and then racked to stainless steel tanks for primary fermentation with native yeast. It was fermented to dryness and aged sur lie for 2 months.

TASTING NOTES

Our 2021 Grüner Veltliner shines throughout with complex minerality and notes of kiwi fruit and white peach. Aromatics of bright lemon-lime zest fill the glass. This wine is light and refreshing, making it a perfect complement for herbaceous meals, such as English pea shoot or yellow beat salad.

APPELLATION Sta. Rita Hills

VINEYARD Rancho Santa Rosa West

HARVEST DATE September 8 - October 23, 2021

COMPOSITION 100% Grüner Veltliner

ALCOHOL 12.5%

TA 8.7 g/L

pH 3.2

BOTTLING DATE February 14, 2022

PRODUCTION 1,718 cases