



# LINCOURT

## 2019 SYRAH

*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 2019 vintage began with a long, cool growing season staging us for a later than normal start date to harvest. We had some intense Labor Day heat which pushed the vines to maturation. The disease pressure was low and quality was good across the board. Harvest wrapped up on October 23 with mother nature delivering us a roller coaster of a season, but with it, a nuance and diversity of fruit expression unique to this vintage.

### 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 Syrah was aged for 18 months in French and American oak barrels, 50% new.

### TASTING NOTES

The 2019 Syrah is a textbook representation of the Sta. Rita Hills. The wine opens with soft white pepper aromas, with accents of kalamata olive, and earthy pomegranate juice. On the palate, it has ribbons of red plum and cranberry fruit with hints of espresso bean and smoky tobacco leaf. We recommend serving this wine with rosemary pork tenderloin and cranberry chutney.

**APPELLATION** *Sta. Rita Hills* | **COMPOSITION** 100% Syrah

**HARVEST DATES** *September 17 - October 23* | **COOPERAGE** *18 months in French and American oak, 50% new*

**ALCOHOL** 14.1% | **TA** 6.7g/L | **pH** 3.6

*198 cases bottled June 15, 2021*



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