



# LINCOURT

*Sta. Rita Hills*

## 2018 CAROL ANN CHARDONNAY

### OVERVIEW

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'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 2018 vintage kicked off with an extremely unusual heat spike in February that sent the vines into a rapid, early start but was quickly followed by a cold spell. Frost events had longer duration than prior years and the season continued its cold to moderate temperature pattern through May. The first pop of real heat finally arrived mid-June and temperatures remained moderate the rest of the growing season allowing the grapes to gradually ripen. We started picking 3 weeks later than typical but the rich flavor profiles were worth the wait.

### VINEYARDS & WINEMAKING

As part of the original Spanish Land Grant, Rancho Santa Rosa Vineyard is one of Santa Barbara's most historic properties. This south-facing hillside climbs from 500 to 1,000 feet above sea level. It features 59 individual micro-blocks delineated by terroir, soil type, elevation, grade and exposure to the maritime winds off the Pacific Ocean. The grapes were gently whole cluster pressed and transferred to stainless steel tank after harvest. Regular stirring of the lees imparted additional viscosity and complexity. The wine was aged for 18 months in French oak barrels, 30% new.

### TASTING NOTES

Our Carol Ann Chardonnay takes its name after Proprietor Bill Foley's wife and is the perfect introduction to world-class Sta. Rita Hills grown chardonnay with the balance of austerity and elegance. Vibrant aromas of lemon fruit, and savory mustard seed complement this California Chardonnay. Notes of toasted vanilla bean and crème brûlée meld together to offer a balanced and lean palate. This wine is elegantly bright and pairs nicely with creamy lemon risotto.

APPELLATION	Sta. Rita Hills
VINEYARD	Rancho Santa Rosa West and East
HARVEST DATE	September 24 - November 2, 2018
COMPOSITION	100% Chardonnay
BARREL AGING	18 months in French oak, 30% new
ALCOHOL	14.1%
TA	6.32 g/L
pH	3.49
BOTTLING DATE	April 8, 2020
PRODUCTION	184 cases