



# LINCOURT

## CHARDONNAY

*Loula Nunn*

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

As part of the original Spanish Land Grant, Rancho Santa Rosa 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 gently whole-cluster pressed and transferred to tank for primary fermentation using native yeasts. After fermentation the wine was transferred to French and American oak barrels (60% new) for 18 months of sur lie aging before blending and bottling.

### TASTING NOTES

This wine opens with confectionery aromas of crème brûlée crackle and toasted hazelnut. On the palate, balanced fruit and oak are the backbone supporting layers of flavor reminiscent of brown sugar caramelized pineapple. Toasted meringue lingers on the rich, opulent finish. This wine would pair perfectly with crispy skin branzino.

**APPELLATION** *Sta. Rita Hills* | **VINEYARD** *Rancho Santa Rosa* | **COMPOSITION** *100% Chardonnay*

**HARVEST DATES** *September 9 - October 28* | **COOPERAGE** *18 months in French and American oak, 60% new*

**ALCOHOL** *13.7%* | **TA** *6.12 g/L* | **pH** *3.48*

*450 cases bottled April 19, 2024*



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