

## PINOT NOIR



2023

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**

Vintage 2023 was an overall cooler growing season with moderate rainfall and late budbreak. Proper canopy management coupled with the cooler climate resulted in red wines with great phenolic development and retention, yielding high concentration of color and tannin. Red wines from this vintage are robust and complex with great aging potential. For the white grape varietals, austere fruit expression and bright acidity are the defining characteristics of the vintage. 2023 will be remembered as one of the most exceptional vintages in recent years.

## 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. This wine features clones 2A and 459. Following harvest, the fruit was cold soaked for four days and then fermented in stainless steel tanks with regular punch downs to extract maximum color and flavor. It was aged in French oak barrels (25% new) for 18 months before filtration and bottling.

## **TASTING NOTES**

The 2023 Willie Mae opens with aromas of fresh red raspberry and tart cherry jam. On the palate, this wine has a delicate Ceylon tea tannin structure that frames candied black cherry fruit with hints of marzipan and dried cran-raspberry on the finish. This is the ultimate wine for pairing with a fromage carte.

APPELLATION Sta. Rita Hills | VINEYARD Rancho Santa Rosa Blocks 22 and 23

COMPOSITION 100% Pinot Noir

HARVEST DATES September 8 - October 23 | COOPERAGE 18 months in French oak, 25% new

ALCOHOL 14.3% | TA 6.8 g/L | pH 3.56



