



LINCOURT

2023 PINOT NOIR

RANCHO SANTA ROSA – STA. RITA HILLS



When Proprietor Bill Foley founded Lincoirt 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. Lincoirt 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 varieties, austere fruit expression and bright acidity are the defining characters of the vintage. 2023 will be remembered as one of the most exceptional vintages in recent years.

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 Pinot Noir was aged for 10 months in French oak barrels, 15% new.

TASTING NOTES

The 2023 Rancho Santa Rosa Pinot Noir embodies the essence of the cool climate St. Rita Hills. The wine opens with aromas of red cherry, fresh raspberry, and accents of earthy black pepper. On the palate, bright fresh acidity, ribbons of hibiscus tea, raspberry fruit, and cherry cola are supported by moderate tannin leading to a juicy finish. This wine pairs perfectly with fromage and charcuterie.

APPELLATION *Sta. Rita Hills* | **COMPOSITION** *100% Pinot Noir*

HARVEST DATES *August 29 – October 4, 2023* | **COOPERAGE** *10 months in French oak, 15% new*

ALCOHOL *14.1%* | **TA** *6.0 g/L* | **pH** *3.61*

1,140 cases bottled March 13, 2025



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