



LINCOURT

CHARDONNAY

Courtney
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. Next, after a day of cold-settling, the juice was racked to a combination of neutral French oak barrels and stainless steel tanks. It was then fermented using cultured yeast for primary and secondary fermentation. After 18 months of aging, the wine was blended and bottled.

TASTING NOTES

The 2022 Courtney Chardonnay opens with aromas of fresh lemon curd and lemon-lime zest. This wine has brined minerality and is mouthwatering, lean, and fresh. On the palate there are faint notes of white peach and nuance of fresh pineapple. This is the perfect wine to pair with your springtime pea, feta, and prosciutto frittata.

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

HARVEST DATES *September 9 - October 28* | **COOPERAGE** *18 months in neutral French oak and stainless steel tanks*

ALCOHOL *13.3%* | **TA** *6.84 g/L* | **pH** *3.31*

300 cases bottled March 14, 2024



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