



LINCOURT

PINOT NOIR

Willie Mae

2022



When Proprietor Bill Foley founded Lincoourt 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. Lincoourt 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. 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 (40% new) for 18 months before filtration and bottling.

TASTING NOTES

The 2022 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, 40% new*

ALCOHOL *14.3%* | **TA** *6.7 g/L* | **pH** *3.47*

600 cases bottled April 1, 2024



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