



# LINCOURT

2020

## CABERNET SAUVIGNON

*LA CUESTA VINEYARD – STA. RITA HILLS*



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 2020 growing season began with a dry, cool weather pattern that led to a 3-day heat surge of 100+°F temperatures in July. Though nearby fires greatly diminished air quality in the area, we were fortunate not to face any immediate threats to the winery. Through all the layers of challenges 2020 presented, the sense of comradery in our team grew and the result is a vintage of expressive and delightful wines.

### VINEYARDS & WINEMAKING

The grapes for our 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon were sourced from our La Cuesta vineyard in the Santa Ynez Valley. The combination of full sun exposure, low rainfall, long growing season, and porous soils makes the Santa Ynez Valley a great site for all the Bordeaux varieties. The grapes were hand-harvested from August 25 - October 20, 2020 and sorted in open top fermenters, then pressed off to barrel for secondary fermentation. It was aged for 18 months in French oak barrels (60% new) before final blending and bottling on April 27, 2022.

### TASTING NOTES

Upon swirling the glass, you'll notice aromas of cassis, black olive, and dried oregano. On the palate, smooth tannins with well-integrated oak provide the backbone for bold flavors of black currant, dried sweet tobacco, graphite, accents of cedar, and ribbons of caramel and espresso. Decant and enjoy with steak frites.

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

**HARVEST DATES** *August 25 - October 20* | **COOPERAGE** *18 months in French oak, 60% new*

**ALCOHOL** *14.5%* | **TA** *5.7 g/L* | **pH** *3.78*

*433 cases bottled April 7, 2022*



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