



# LINCOURT

## *Courtney's* 2018 CHARDONNAY

### OVERVIEW

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's wines are produced entirely from our two estate vineyards within the AVA. They are rolling hillside sites that offer 'limiting' soils, large diurnal temperature swings and long growing seasons. Our wines are rich, structured, fruit forward and regionally exact.

### SUSTAINABILITY

At Lincoirt, we believe that a vibrant, living environment has a positive effect on the health of the vines and the character and quality of the wines. To ensure the vitality of our land and the authenticity of our wines, we use sustainable methods in all of our farming, winemaking and business practices.

### VINTAGE

The 2018 vintage kicked off with an extremely unusual heat spike in February that sent the vines into a rapid, early start but was quickly followed by a cold spell. Frost events had longer duration than prior years and the season continued its cold to moderate temperature pattern through May. The first pop of real heat finally arrived mid-June and temperatures remained moderate the rest of the growing season allowing the grapes to gradually ripen. We started picking 3 weeks later than typical but the rich flavor profiles were worth the wait.

### 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 neutral French oak barrels and a concrete vessel. It was then fermented using native yeast for primary and secondary fermentation. With intention, no new oak was applied to the wine in order to highlight the fruit, terroir, and concrete vessel. After 18 months of aging sur lie in French oak barrels and concrete, the wine was blended and bottled.

### TASTING NOTES

The 2018 Courtney's Chardonnay offers aromatics of dried honeysuckle flower and chamomile tea with accents of citrus blossom. With bold acidity and ribbons of minerality, this wine is lean with a faint kaffir lime flower finish on the palate. This fruit-focused wine features neutral oak selections to showcase the purest expression of a Sta. Rita Hills Chardonnay.

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| APPELLATION   | Sta. Rita Hills                                     |
| VINEYARD      | Rancho Santa Rosa East, Block 28                    |
| HARVEST DATE  | September 24 - November 2, 2018                     |
| COMPOSITION   | 100% Chardonnay                                     |
| BARREL AGING  | 16 months in concrete vessel and neutral French oak |
| ALCOHOL       | 14.1%   |
| TA            | 6.77 g/L  |
| pH            | 3.3   |
| BOTTLING DATE | April 8, 2020                                       |
| PRODUCTION    | 171 cases   |