

## 2023 GRÜNER VELTLINER

Sta. Rita Hills



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

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 varietals, 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. This wine is IOO% stainless steel fermented and aged.

## TASTING NOTES

The 2023 Grüner Veltliner opens with aromas of white peach, lime flower, and lemon zest. On the palate, this wine offers crisp acidity and fresh fruit notes of ripe nectarine and pineapple, with faint hints of guava on the finish. This is the perfect wine to pair with spring brunch.

APPELLATION Sta. Rita Hills | COMPOSITION 100% Grüner Veltliner

HARVEST DATES August 29 - October 4 | AGING stainless steel

ALCOHOL 14.3% | TA 6.57 g/L | pH 3.38

100 cases bottled January 29, 2024

