



LINCOURT

2022 PINOT NOIR

RANCHO SANTA ROSA – 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

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

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. The Pinot Noir was aged for 8 months in French oak barrels, 15% new.

TASTING NOTES

The 2022 Rancho Santa Rosa Pinot Noir embodies the essence of the cool climate St. Rita Hills. The wine opens with aromatics of dried raspberries, cherry cola, and hints of earthy pomegranate. On the palate, the same cherry cola character carries through, adding black pepper, hibiscus tea, and toasted cacao with accents of red plum jam and toasted graham. This wine showcases a natural bright acidity that is perfectly balanced with medium-impact tannin and plenty of fruit.

APPELLATION *Sta. Rita Hills* | **COMPOSITION** *100% Pinot Noir*

HARVEST DATES *August 29 - October 4, 2022* | **COOPERAGE** *8 months in French oak, 15% new*

ALCOHOL *15.0%* | **TA** *5.87g/L* | **pH** *3.55*

1,785 cases bottled September 7, 2023



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