



LINCOURT

2022

STEEL CHARDONNAY

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 grapes for this wine were hand picked in the cool, early morning hours to retain fruit integrity. After whole cluster pressing, the juice was fermented in stainless steel tanks using a special yeast strain that is ideal for cool-climate Chardonnay. To emphasize freshness, varietal purity and regional character, malolactic fermentation was prevented.

TASTING NOTES

The 2022 Steel Chardonnay boasts notes of pretty white peach and ripe nectarine with lean, crisp Chablis-inspired acidity and a finish of fresh lemon zest. This refreshing Chardonnay is the perfect wine to pair with a warm summer evening and oysters on half shell by the ocean.

APPELLATION Sta. Rita Hills | **COMPOSITION** 100% Chardonnay

HARVEST DATES September 8 - October 23 | **AGING** Stainless steel

ALCOHOL 13.9% | **TA** 6.0 g/L | **pH** 3.58

3,475 cases bottled December 5, 2022

