



LINCOURT

CHARDONNAY

Carol Ann

2022



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

As part of the original Spanish Land Grant, Rancho Santa Rosa Vineyard is one of Santa Barbara's most historic properties. This south-facing hillside climbs from 500 to 1,000 feet above sea level. It features 59 individual micro-blocks delineated by terroir, soil type, elevation, grade and exposure to the maritime winds off the Pacific Ocean. The grapes were gently whole cluster pressed and transferred to stainless steel tank after harvest. Regular stirring of the lees imparted additional viscosity and complexity. The wine was aged for 18 months in French oak barrels, 30% new.

TASTING NOTES

The 2022 Carol Ann Chardonnay opens with enticing aromas of toasted vanilla, brioche, and toasted almond. On the palate, this medium-bodied wine has notes of confectionery white flower, citrus fruit, and graham cracker, finishing with nuanced lime zest and clover honey. Carol Ann pairs beautifully with halibut crudo in citrus ponzu.

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

HARVEST DATES September 9 - October 28 | **COOPERAGE** 18 months in French oak, 30% new

ALCOHOL 13.5% | **TA** 6.04 g/L | **pH** 3.35

300 cases bottled April 14, 2024



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