



LINCOURT

CHARDONNAY

Courtney

2023



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

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 a combination of neutral French oak barrels and stainless steel tanks. It was then fermented using cultured yeast for primary and secondary fermentation. After 14 months of aging in neutral French oak, the wine was blended and bottled.

TASTING NOTES

The 2023 Courtney Chardonnay opens with aromas of lemon-lime zest and hints of honeysuckle. This wine has a lean profile with expressed minerality and mouthwatering acidity. Flavors of citrus medley, pineapple fruit, and clover honey coat the palate.

APPELLATION Sta. Rita Hills | **VINEYARD** Rancho Santa Rosa | **COMPOSITION** 100% Chardonnay

HARVEST DATES August 29 - October 4 | **COOPERAGE** 14 months in neutral French oak

ALCOHOL 13.8% | **TA** 7.7g/L | **pH** 3.39

320 cases bottled March 10, 2024



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