



LINCOURT

Steel

2023 CHARDONNAY

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 varieties, 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 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 2023 Steel Chardonnay opens with aromas of fresh yellow peach and ripe nectarine, with bright, crisp acidity. On the finish, the wine delivers notes candied pineapple and hints of citrus zest. This is the perfect wine to pair with a spring brunch or halibut crudo in a citrus ponzu.

APPELLATION *Sta. Rita Hills* | **VINEYARD** *Rancho Santa Rosa*

COMPOSITION *94% Chardonnay, 6% Grüner Veltliner*

HARVEST DATES *August 29 - October 4* | **AGING** *stainless steel*

ALCOHOL *13.32%* | **TA** *7.44 g/L* | **pH** *3.44*

4,700 cases bottled January 25, 2024



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