

LINCOURT RANCHO SANTA ROSA PINOT NOIR 2016/\$9.99



DESCRIPTION

Founded in 1996 by Bill Foley and named after his two daughters, Lindsay and Courtney, Lincourt's wines come primarily from two estate vineyards within the Sta. Rita Hills AVA. Both are rolling, hillside sites that feature limiting soils, and large diurnal temperature swings. The cool maritime conditions create wines that are intense, well-structured, fruit-forward and true. Sustainable farming techniques, block harvesting, small-lot vinifications and an intelligent blend of traditional and modern winemaking methods have elevated Lincourt to the upper echelon of Santa Barbara wineries.

There are many sources of tribute and inspiration for Lincourt. First, there is the name of the winery, a fusion of Lindsay and Courtney, owner Bill Foley's daughters. Then there are the small-lot bottlings of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay that bear the names of the women who have influenced and shaped Bill Foley's life including his wife, mother, grandmother and aunt. Finally, there are the two estate vineyards located within the Sta. Rita Hills region of Santa Barbara County. This area was largely unknown when the winery was founded in 1996, but today it is one of the most coveted, cool-climate AVAs in all of California.

The 460-acre Rancho Santa Rosa estate vineyard features 230 acres of vines that climb from 500 to 1,000 feet above sea level. The soils are maritime-based and the weather is consistently cool thanks to moist ocean breezes that sweep the property daily. The vineyard is farmed with the painstaking care and attention usually associated with much smaller vineyards. In fact, the Rancho Santa Rosa Vineyard was originally conceived as individual micro-vineyards delineated into 59 unique blocks based upon soil type, exposure, elevation, grade, rootstock and clone. Rancho Santa Rosa produces remarkably rich and silky wines.

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Finding top Pinot Noirs under \$20 is often frustrating, but the 2016 Lincourt delivers what others are missing. This Pinot Noir came from our estate Rancho Santa Rosa Vineyard in the Sta. Rita Hills AVA. The fruit was hand-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 four 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. This Pinot was barrel-aged in 25% new French and Hungarian oak for 10 months.

Tasting Notes

Nose:

Fruit forward aromatics of ripe raspberries and cherry cola that transition into a medley of dark blackberry, pomegranate, and black pepper on the palate. A nice tannin structure.

Palate:

This wine is well-balanced and nicely textured. Its aromas and flavors of tart cherries and savory spices.

Pairing:

Pairs beautifully with traditional Thanksgiving dinner!

Winery Website:

[Lincourt Vineyards - Strong Roots Storied Wine \(lincourtwineries.com\)](http://lincourtwineries.com)

Fun Facts

Seductive tea and cola notes anchor this fruity style, which features concentrated dark cherry, raspberry and dried blueberry flavors. Asian spice and mocha hints show on the finish. **–Wine Spectator 90 Points**



Rancho Santa Rosa, Santa Rita Hills A.V.A., California

