



LINCOURT

Sta. Rita Hills

2013 STEEL CHARDONNAY

OVERVIEW

When 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's wines are produced entirely from our two estate vineyards within the AVA. They are rolling, hillside sites that offer "limiting" soils, large diurnal temperature swings and long, long growing seasons. Our wines are rich, structured, fruit forward and regionally exact.

SUSTAINABILITY

At Lincourt we believe that a vibrant, healthy environment has a positive effect on the maturity of vines and the character and quality of our wines. To ensure the vitality of our land and the authenticity of our wines, we use sustainable methods in all of our farming, winemaking and business practices.

VINTAGE

2013 was an ideal and abundant vintage. It was a dry season that had little rainfall with an early bud break and fruit set. The weather was consistently warm with no major heat spikes, which helped prevent disease pressure. Overall, the fruit was high in both quality and quantity.

VINEYARDS & WINEMAKING

The grapes were handpicked 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 secret to our success with our Steel Chardonnay has been the high quality of fruit from our estate vineyard. Our 2013 Steel Chardonnay opens with fresh tangerine zest and citrus on the nose. Flavors of candied lemon and meringue are complemented by soft notes of flint and kumquat for a clean and refreshing finish. Pair this wine with yellowtail ceviche or as an aperitif.

APPELLATION	Sta. Rita Hills
COMPOSITION	85% Chardonnay, 10% Sauvignon Blanc, 3% Grüner Vetliner, 2% Pinot Blanc
AGING	100% Stainless steel
ALCOHOL	14.1%
TA	7.4 g/L
pH	3.34
BOTTLING DATE	June 2014
PRODUCTION	15,404 cases