LINCOURT

PINOT NOIR
Willie Mae
2024



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

2024 was defined by a cooler, more moderate growing season with less than average rainfall and late bud break. After several years of early harvest start dates, 2024 returned to a more typical time frame, with our first pick after Labor Day and our last pick on October 22. The vines produced lower yields contributing to good vine balance, excellent concentration of flavors, and natural retention of bright acidity leading to lean, fresh, and elegant wines.

VINEYARDS & WINEMAKING

This wine hails from two exceptional Sta. Rita Hills vineyards: Rancho Santa Rosa and Rancho Las Hermanas. 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. Rancho Las Hermanas features a cool, north-facing orientation with intense Pacific fog. This maritime climate and its limestone-based soils create an optimal, slow-ripening environment for elegant Pinot Noir with vibrant acidity. This wine features clones 2A, 113, 459, and 828. Following harvest, the fruit was cold soaked for four days and then fermented in stainless steel tanks with regular punch downs to extract maximum color and flavor. It was aged in French oak barrels (20% new) for 18 months before filtration and bottling.

TASTING NOTES

The 2024 Willie Mae Pinot Noir opens with inviting, bright aromatics of tart red raspberries and classic cherry cola. Light-bodied and exceptionally food-friendly, the palate is lean and refreshing, delivering delicate notes of red cherries, vibrant pops of ripe raspberry fruit, and a subtle touch of soft white pepper. This elegant profile makes it a natural match for a seafood pairing like salmon or tilapia served alongside a seasonal fall squash salad.

APPELLATION *Sta. Rita Hills*

VINEYARD *Rancho Las Hermanas Blocks 01B and 01D; Rancho Santa Rosa Blocks 22 and 23*

COMPOSITION *100% Pinot Noir*

HARVEST DATES *August 29 – October 4* | **COOPERAGE** *16 months in French oak, 40% new*

ALCOHOL *14.5%* | **TA** *5.8 g/L* | **pH** *3.64*

300 cases bottled April 11, 2025

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