



Greetings Wine Club Members,

With Harvest 2022 behind us, I have to say it was a very interesting vintage! We experienced a heat wave over Labor Day with temperatures hitting 109F and lasted upwards of 7 days. It is normal for us to have hot days that time of year, but they typically subside after 48-72 hours. Our vineyards jumped a matter of 6 brix in a week's time; normally that climb would develop over the course of 3 weeks. The heat wave kicked things off for picking sparkling followed by pinot noir and then chardonnay. We experienced some unusual rain mid-September, so while yields were lower, the overall quality of the fruit is good! This vintage was the shortest on record to date as we brought in the last of the Lincourt Cabernet Sauvignon the first week of October.



What are your holiday traditions? Besides wine, mine include building Santa's workshop from Legos with my son, making my grandmother's popcorn balls and mom's cranberry salsa, and taking comical photos of our pets adorned with cheesy holiday hats. With the holidays fast approaching, I'm pleased to share some of my favorite bottles with you, perfect for pairing with your own holiday traditions. The 2020 Courtney's Chardonnay is aromatic with crisp lemon zest and racy minerality accompanied by softer notes of marshmallow and vanilla, a perfect Sunday brunch wine. The 2019 Willie Mae Pinot Noir, which scored 95 points from Wine Enthusiast Magazine, is delicious with its bold spiced red plum and striking oak tannins that make it the perfect pairing for your Thanksgiving turkey. Lastly the 2019 La Cuesta Cabernet Sauvignon impresses with rich notes of cassis, espresso, dark plum and juicy blackberry. Pair this wine with your favorite holiday smoked pork loin and herbs.

Are you planning a visit to Santa Ynez Valley? Come see us for an afternoon getaway and enjoy one of our cozy tasting experiences – we are open daily. And don't miss this year's Holiday at the Estates, December 3 - 4! For more information, visit our new website, [lincourtwinest.com](http://lincourtwinest.com) or call us, (805) 688-8554, then press extension 1. We hope to see you soon and Happy Holidays!

Lorna Kreutz,  
Winemaker

## FEATURED SELECTIONS

### LINCOURT 2020 COURTNEY'S CHARDONNAY, *Sta. Rita Hills*

Named for proprietor Bill Foley's daughter Courtney, this wine boasts delicious aromas of crisp lemon zest and brioche. On the palate it is racy with minerality and nuances of flint accompanied by softer flavors of marshmallow confection, vanilla wafer, and faint notes of crushed hazelnut on the finish. This is the perfect brunch wine and will pair perfectly with an asparagus, feta, and ham frittata.

APPELLATION     Sta. Rita Hills  
COMPOSITION    100% Chardonnay  
ALCOHOL         14.1%  
AGING            17 months in French oak, 5% new  
PRODUCTION    299 Cases



### LINCOURT 2019 WILLIE MAE PINOT NOIR, *Sta. Rita Hills* 95 points, *Wine Enthusiast Magazine*

Named for proprietor Bill Foley's aunt, the 2019 Willie Mae Pinot Noir is a textbook cool-climate wine with aromas of spiced red plum and raspberry jam at first pour. The sophisticated palate possesses striking oak tannins with notes of cranberry, crisp red apple, and black pepper — a perfect pairing with your holiday meals.

APPELLATION     Sta. Rita Hills  
COMPOSITION    100% Pinot Noir  
ALCOHOL         14.3%  
AGING            18 months in French and American oak, 35% new  
PRODUCTION    142 Cases



### LINCOURT 2019 LA CUESTA CABERNET SAUVIGNON, *Santa Ynez Valley*

The grapes for this wine come from our vineyard in Santa Ynez Valley. The combination of full sun exposure, low rainfall, long growing season, and porous soils makes this valley ideal for Bordeaux varieties. This wine has rich aromas of cassis, espresso, and black olive complemented by flavors of dark plum, juicy blackberry, and hints of dark pomegranate, thyme, and cedar.

APPELLATION     Santa Ynez Valley  
COMPOSITION    100% Cabernet Sauvignon  
ALCOHOL         14.3%  
AGING            18 months in French oak, 40% new  
PRODUCTION    262 Cases



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