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WINE CLUB
NEWSLETTER



LINCOURT

Greetings



Hello from Sta. Rita Hills,

Spring is in the air and marked by bud break throughout the vineyards. We had an early bud break again this year followed by some very chilly nights. Overall rainfall totals are still down for the year but recent rains really helped leach salts out of the rooting zone from our well water irrigation. We are hopeful for great quality with increased yields this year, and so far, so good.

This wine club shipment includes an interesting and delicious varietal, our 2017 Grüner Veltliner. It hails from Austria and is a fun departure from Chardonnay and Pinot

Noir. It produces a lovely delicate white quaffer, expressing stonefruit aromatics.

Also included are two Pinot Noirs: 2015 Rancho Santa Rosa and 2015 Two Sisters Reserve. Our Rancho Santa Rosa Pinot Noir is the ideal representation of Sta. Rita Hills. It expresses the notes of fresh black pepper, straw hay bale, and juicy boysenberry while encompassing all of the signature flavor profiles of our unique AVA. This wine is a true expression of the fruit grown in this very special place. As such, it has minimal oak contact to allow the hallmark flavors to prominently shine.

Lastly, our Two Sisters Reserve Pinot Noir is our highest end Pinot and embodies the best of the best. Only the best vineyard blocks of clones 667 and 777 are used for this elegant wine. These clones in particular tend to be earthy, well-structured and lend themselves to darker fruit profiles.

This time of year is my favorite here at Lincourt! I hope you'll stop by and see us soon. Our Summer Concert Series falls on the third Friday of the month from May – September, beginning on May 18th.

Cheers,

Lorna Kreutz, Winemaker

Sta. Rita Hills
2017 GRÜNER VELTLINER

WINEMAKING NOTES

As part of the original Spanish Land Grant, the Rancho Santa Rosa Vineyard is one of Santa Barbara's most historic properties. This beautiful south-facing hillside climbs from 500 to 1,000 feet above sea level. The grapes were hand-harvested in the cool, early morning hours. After whole cluster pressing, the juice was cold-settled for 24 hours and then racked to stainless steel tanks for primary fermentation with native yeast. It was fermented to dryness and aged sur lie for 2 months. To emphasize varietal purity and regional character, malolactic fermentation was prevented.

TASTING NOTES

This wine is composed of 100% Grüner Veltliner grapes, a popular varietal grown in Austria. Aromatics of juicy peach, white nectarine and lime blossoms fill the nose. Bright acidity and delicate body showcases notes of grapefruit, juicy kumquat, followed by hints of gooseberry on the finish. Pair this refreshing quaffer with your favorite springtime brunch menu.

APPELLATION	Sta. Rita Hills
VINEYARD SOURCE	Rancho Santa Rosa West
COMPOSITION	100% Grüner Veltliner
ALCOHOL	13.3%
TA	6.3 g/L
PH	3.31

RETAIL PRICE \$22

CLUB PRICE \$17.60

Your wine selection will vary based upon your club membership.

Sta. Rita Hills

2015 RANCHO SANTA ROSA PINOT NOIR

WINEMAKING NOTES

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 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

As the flagship Pinot Noir from Lincourt, our Rancho Santa Rosa bottling embodies the essence of the cool climate Sta. Rita Hills. This 2015 displays 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 provided by the Hungarian oak aging is complemented by a hint of vanilla from the French oak. This is an easy drinking, mouthwatering wine perfect for parmesan and sausage stuffed mushrooms.

APPELLATION	Sta. Rita Hills
VINEYARD SOURCE	Rancho Santa Rosa East
COMPOSITION	100% Pinot Noir
AGING	10 months in French and Hungarian oak, 25% new
ALCOHOL	13.9%
TA	6.8 g/L
PH	3.61

RETAIL PRICE \$30

CLUB PRICE \$24

Sta. Rita Hills
TWO SISTERS 2015 RESERVE PINOT NOIR

WINEMAKING NOTES

Our Pinot Noir was hand-harvested from Lindsay's Vineyard in the Sta. Rita Hills. The clusters were then de-stemmed with no crushing and the must was cold-soaked in open-top fermenters for four days prior to inoculation. Each tank was manually punched down daily for more extraction. The wine was then transferred to tank for settling after primary fermentation and maceration. Finally, individual lots were racked to 100% new French oak barrels and aged for 16 months.

TASTING NOTES

This limited production Reserve is an elegant, sophisticated wine for the true Pinot Noir connoisseur. The nose is filled with dark fruit notes of spicy plum, earthy pomegranate and cacao. Intense black pepper and juicy blackberry flavors fill the palate with accents of cured tobacco. The nicely structured mouthfeel is followed by lingering black cherry on the finish.

APPELLATION	Sta. Rita Hills
VINEYARD SOURCE	Rancho Santa Rosa East
COMPOSITION	100% Pinot Noir
AGING	16 months in French oak
ALCOHOL	14.3%
TA	6.7 g/L
PH	3.57

RETAIL PRICE \$80

CLUB PRICE \$64

Shipments and Reorder

Enjoy 30% savings on re-orders of current club wines. Order 12 or more bottles of any of the current club wines and receive 1¢ ground shipping while supplies last (not valid to HI or AK).

To order, please visit www.lincourtwin.es.com, or contact us at (855) 248-1905 or wineclub@lincourtwin.es.com. Offer expires June 25, 2018.

2017 LINCOURT GRÜNER VELTLINER, STA. RITA HILLS

Retail Price: \$22.00 | Reorder Price: \$15.40

2015 LINCOURT RANCHO SANTA ROSA PINOT NOIR, STA. RITA HILLS

Retail Price: \$30.00 | Reorder Price: \$21.00

2015 TWO SISTERS RESERVE PINOT NOIR, STA. RITA HILLS

Retail Price: \$80.00 | Reorder Price: \$56.00

Upcoming Events

LINCOURT SUMMER CONCERT SERIES THIRD FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH

6:00pm – 9:00pm | May – September

Grab your blanket and picnic basket and join us for wine, sunshine, and music!

Enjoy live music featuring local artists. No reservations required. Wine and food is available for purchase.

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