



Preferred Tasting Room:

Lincourt Winery

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Named after owner Bill Foley's daughters Lindsay and Courtney, Lincourt was founded in 1996 and today produces boutique, hand-crafted wines from the estate vineyards in Santa Ynez and Santa Rita Hills.

The quaint and charming tasting room is an original 1926 Sears Craftsman kit home. The building was shipped via railway (now Alamo Pintado Road just outside the vineyard) and brought up the hill and pieced together by numbers. Located on the property of an old dairy farm, the building, which sits in its original spot since it was built, still has the original glass windows as well.

At the Lincourt tasting room, which offers a selection of Bordeaux and Burgundy varietals, guests can taste six wines for \$10. White wines include Pinot Grigio, Pinot Blanc, Sauvignon Blanc and three different Chardonnays. Red wines include Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Pinot Noir and Syrah, as well as a Rosé of Grenache. The wines are approachable, fruit-forward wines that range



in retail price between \$18 to \$40. In November Lincourt will be releasing two new Chardonnays and two new Pinot Noirs. These wines will be handcrafted, limited-production wines which will only be available in the tasting room.

Lincourt tasting room is the perfect place to stop in the middle of the day for lunch. With tables under the veranda looking out at

the vineyards and grassy areas, it is the ideal spot for a picnic lunch. Lunch can be picked up in the local town of Los Olivos and wine can be purchased in the tasting room. On weekends, Lincourt sets up a second tasting bar on the veranda so that guests can enjoy being outside while tasting.

Lincourt offers a great wine club program as well. In addition to the wine shipments received throughout the year and discounts on wine purchases, wine club members also get free tastings at Lincourt, as well as the other brands within the Foley family. Other wineries include Foley Estate and Firestone Vineyards in the Santa Barbara area, Eos Estate in Paso Robles, Sebastiani and Chalk Hill Estate in Sonoma County, Kuleto Estate in Napa Valley and Three Rivers in Walla Walla, Washington.

The tasting room is located at 1711 Alamo Pintado Road in the town of Ballard and a few miles from the town of Los Olivos. The tasting room is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For additional information, call (805) 688-8554 or visit www.lincourtwinest.com.