FOLEY ESTATES VINEYARD AND WINERY

LANDMARK NUMBER: 45

KNOWN AS: Lincourt Wine Tasting Room

PHYSICAL ADDRESS: 1711 Alamo Pintado Road
Solvang, CA 93463

LOCATION: West side of Alamo Pintado Road and southeast of Baseline Ave.

TYPE OF SITE: Vineyard and winery’s tasting room, winery building, shed and spring house

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2005-01

LANDMARK DATE: August 8, 2005

DESIGNATION OBTAINED BY: Nomination as a Place of Historic Merit was submitted by Foley Estates, William P. Foley II, managing partner and
majority owner of Foley Estates Vineyard and Winery, LLC (“Foley Estates”)

**PAST OWNERS:**
J.P. McGowen (who built a 4 room residence and detached garage at the north end of property in 1973)
James Carey purchased the property in 1977 to redevelop it as a winery
Brooks Firestone purchased the property in 1989; a two-story building to house a wine cellar on the first floor and a series of dry storage rooms above were constructed. The following year the property’s driveway and hillside were graded. Over the following years, several additional buildings were constructed on the property.

**CURRENT OWNER:** Foley Estates Vineyard and Winery LLC
1711 Alamo Pintado Road, Solvang

**CHANGES/ALTERATIONS:** See past owners and description

**CONDITION:** Excellent

**DESCRIPTION:**
This property exemplifies special elements of the Santa Ynez Valley’s social, economic, and architectural history and is linked to the historic development of farming in the Valley during the early twentieth century. It was at this time that an influx of Scandinavian farmers established farms and dairies here. One of these farms was the Neilson farm at 1711 Alamo Pintado Road where the family farmed and raised cattle.

By the early 1920s, the farm comprised a Craftsman-style house, barns, storage buildings, and a spring house. By the late 1940s, the valley’s farming industry consolidated and mechanized, and the rise of agri-business let to the gradual demise of small family farms, including the Nielsen farm. The surviving elements of this farm which include the Craftsman house (now the Foley Farm wine tasting room), a vernacular style barn (now the winery), a store room, and a former spring house typify many of the Valley farms of the early twentieth century which are gradually disappearing because of suburban development and the growth of the wine industry.

The tasting room is a one-story wood frame building with clapboard cladding and capped by a front gable roof covered in composition shingles. It has a rectangular footprint and sits on a raised foundation. The porch railing and several windows have been replaced.

The winery building was a former barn. A gable-roofed wing was added to the north end of the building between 1944 and 1956 as was a one story wing
capped by a front gable roof at the west end of the building. The barn was converted to a winery during the 1970s and the historic exterior was retained. In 1989, a two story wine cellar/storage room was added to the southwest corner of the building. The wood shingled roof was replaced with a composition shingle roof in 1991. A restroom was added to the east elevation in the mid-1990s; the barrel room was constructed in 1995.

The shed’s roof has been replaced. The porch at the south end appears to be added construction and some of the building’s exterior sheathing has been replaced using materials that match the building’s original sheathing.

The roof on the spring house was originally wood shingles and has been replaced with composition shingles. The wood plank door is most likely not original.

RESOURCES:
Nomination for Historical Landmarks or Places of Historical Merit official form as prepared by Post/Hazeltine (June 29, 2005)
RESOLUTION NO. 2005-01

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission has considered the Historic Significance of four structures located at Foley Estates Vineyard and Winery, 1711 Alamo Pintado Road, Solvang, California, Assessor's Parcel Number 137-020-071, in accordance with the requirements, standards, and criteria contained in County Code, Chapter 18A, and has determined that they are worthy of recognition as Places of Historic Merit. The four structures are identified as the former farmhouse (present tasting room), former barn (present winery building), shed, and spring house, hereinafter collectively referred to as "Foley Winery Historic Buildings" or "the property"; and

WHEREAS, the property exemplifies special elements of the Santa Ynez Valley's social, economic, and architectural history linked to the historic development of farming in the Santa Ynez Valley during the early twentieth century. It was during the early twentieth century that an influx of Scandinavian farmers established farms and dairies in the Santa Ynez Valley. One of these farms was the Neilson farm at 1711 Alamo Pintado Road. Like many in the area the family farmed and raised dairy cattle. By the early 1920s the farm comprised a Craftsman style house, barns, storage buildings and a spring house. Beginning in the post-World War II period the valley's farming industry underwent a period of consolidation and transformation as mechanization and the rise of agri-business led to the gradual demise of small family farms, such as the one once located at 1711 Alamo Pintado Road; and

WHEREAS, the surviving elements of the Neilson family farm, including a Craftsman style house (now the Foley Farm wine tasting room), a vernacular style barn (now the winery), a store room, and a former spring house that once exemplified the type of modestly scaled buildings that typified many of the Santa Ynez Valley farms during the early twentieth century are gradually disappearing because of suburban development and the expansion of the wine industry; and
WHEREAS, the property at 1711 Alamo Pintado Road, with its four surviving farm buildings, contributes to the preservation of a historic era that once reflected farm life in Santa Barbara County and the Santa Ynez Valley; and

WHEREAS the four buildings and their immediate setting retain sufficient integrity of location, design, craftsmanship, and aesthetic quality and reflect the type of modestly scaled farms once commonly found in the Santa Ynez Valley during the early twentieth century;

WHEREAS, the Foley Winery Historic Buildings have historic value and interest for the general public and are not limited to a special group of persons.

NOW, therefore, pursuant to the authority conferred on it by County Code Chapter 18A, section 18A-0, the Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission hereby:

1. Finds that the Foley Winery Historic Buildings located at 1711 Alamo Pintado Road, Solvang, California, Assessor's Parcel Number 137-020-071, substantially meet the eligibility criteria for recognition as Places of Historic Merit as described in County Code, Chapter 18A, section 3, and

2. Designates the Foley Winery Historic Buildings as Places of Historic Merit.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Santa Barbara County Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission, Santa Barbara, California, by the following vote:

DATE: August 8, 2005

AYES: Adams, Lowenthal, Melcombe, Lowsley, Wyckoff

NOES: __________________________

ABSTAIN: __________________________

ABSENT: Stotts, Stone, Woodward

Approved as to form:

[Signature]
Chairperson
Sue Adams

[Signature]
Deputy County Counsel