



FIRESTONE

VINEYARD



SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

2021 | Reserve Chardonnay

Founded in 1972, Firestone was the first major estate winery to sink roots in Santa Barbara County. The winery's proximity to the Pacific Ocean, a mere 26 miles to the west, ensures a relatively mild and arid climate throughout the year, making it an ideal setting for our estate vineyards planted to Bordeaux, Rhône and Burgundian varieties.

VINEYARDS The grapes for this wine come from 9 acres on our estate in Santa Ynez Valley. Situated at 1,000-foot elevation, this west facing, gently sloping vineyard is comprised of gravely, sandy loam soil from sedimentary oceanic rocks containing limestone and shale, ideal soil for growing our Chardonnay because of its permeable qualities. During the growing season, the fog sits right on top of our vineyards, creating desirable, cool foggy morning weather, with diurnal temperature swings of 50 degrees.

VINTAGE 2021 had a minimal amount of rain during the winter, continuing Santa Barbara County's drought. Early bud break and mild spring weather continued into a cool summer. A short heat spike in early August lasted about a week before the mild weather pattern resumed, allowing us to pick each block at the optimum time. Our first pick was September 8th, the earliest in the last 5 years. Harvest was completed October 28th.

WINEMAKER NOTES This is a smooth and creamy wine made from our premium Chardonnay block on the estate. Stone fruit, candied toffee, ginger and toasted brioche waft from the glass. The palate is lush and full-bodied with light acidity. Enjoy this wine paired with rich seafood, poultry, creamy pastas and cheeses.

APPELLATION Santa Ynez Valley

COMPOSITION 100% Chardonnay

ALCOHOL 13.5% | **TA** 6.3 g/L | **pH** 3.45

AGING 8 months in French oak, 15% new

PRODUCTION 717 cases



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