



# FIRESTONE

VINEYARD

FEBRUARY 2019

## A NOTE FROM THE WINEMAKER

Cheers to 2019!

The cold, wet weather has officially arrived in the Santa Ynez Valley. Wintertime at Firestone is marked by tending to the dormant vines, compiling initial blends, and bottling. Blending is one of the most involved processes at the winery. We keep all the individual fermented lots separate up to this point. Mainly, this process comprises tasting through the wines, discussing flavor profiles with the production team, and repeating test blends prior to establishing the final blends.

You are receiving an outstanding selection of wines in the February shipment! The Reserve Chardonnay hails from the oldest Chardonnay vines on the property. Chardonnay and shellfish are one of my favorite pairings, whether it is crab, lobster (especially bisque) or prawns. Our Reserve Pinot Noir is great with salmon and other fatty fish, as well as roasted chicken and game meats. Our 2016 Chairman's Cabernet Sauvignon, has the tannins to accompany steaks and red meats. We are eager for spring weather, which brings bud break and the start to another fabulous growing season. We hope to see you soon at the winery.

Cheers,  
Daniel Spratling, Winemaker



## FEBRUARY 2019 FEATURED WINES



### FIRESTONE 2017 SANTA YNEZ VALLEY RESERVE CHARDONNAY

The fruit for our 2017 Reserve Chardonnay is sourced from our oldest Chardonnay block. The older the vineyard, the lower the yields, which results in a more concentrated fruit forward style. This wine opens with aromas of ripe Anjou pear, Red Delicious apple, and a touch of Meyer lemon. The rich palate and body of this Chardonnay is filled with toasted brioche, butterscotch and hints of baking spice balanced with a delightful acidity to create a soft, round creamy finish.

AVA - Santa Ynez Valley | Composition - 100% Chardonnay | Alcohol - 14.3%  
Aging - 13 months in French oak, 1, 2 and 3 year old barrels | Cases produced - 388

Retail price: \$32.00 Club Shipment price: \$25.60 Reorder price: \$22.40

### FIRESTONE 2016 SANTA YNEZ VALLEY CHAIRMAN SERIES CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Our Chairman's Cabernet Sauvignon is the perfect example of what Firestone Vineyard does best, big bold reds, and this wine is no exception. This expressive Cabernet Sauvignon displays alluring aromas of black cherry and plum followed by subtle hints of cedar and sage. The bold mouthfeel reflects layered flavors of espresso, clove, and pipe tobacco with toasty oak and a lingering finish.

AVA - Santa Ynez Valley | Composition - 99% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1% Petit Verdot | Alcohol - 14.5% | Aging - 20 months in French, Hungarian, and American oak, 25% new | Cases produced - 503

Retail price: \$42.00 Club Shipment price: \$33.60 Reorder price: \$29.40



### FIRESTONE 2017 STA. RITA HILLS RESERVE PINOT NOIR

Our 2017 Sta. Rita Hills Reserve Pinot Noir expresses aromas of cherry, plum, black tea and a hint of sweet violet. The aromas follow through on the palate where balanced acidity and soft tannins complement the fruit notes. The finish is marked by nuances of cherry, tobacco, and tea highlighted by toasty cedar on the finish.

AVA - Sta. Rita Hills | Composition - 100% Pinot Noir  
Alcohol - 14.5% | Aging - 12 months in French oak, 30% new  
Cases produced - 768

Retail price: \$35.00 Club Shipment price: \$28.00 Reorder price: \$24.50

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