



# FIRESTONE

VINEYARD



## { NOTE FROM THE WINEMAKER }

**Happy Holidays from Firestone!** The fall and winter holidays are fast approaching, and I don't know about you, but I think we need the comfort, family and tradition this year more than ever. One of my family traditions is what I call the "Double Thanksgiving." It's exactly as it sounds; I celebrate two Thanksgiving meals in one day. To help you plan your holiday wine and food pairings, I'll share some of my family's special dishes that are killer pairings with our November club releases.

First up is our **2018 Reserve Santa Ynez Valley Chardonnay**. This wine pairs with everything Thanksgiving. From the mashed potatoes to the turkey, the wine's bright acidity and creamy texture from the oak aging works well with the rich flavors of the dishes. One of my family traditions is to make the stuffing with oysters and it pairs wonderfully with this Chardonnay, our Barrel Select Sauvignon Blanc, Riesling or Chardonnay.

Our second stop for Thanksgiving is my in-laws' for turkey legs confit (it's like turkey carnitas), and garlic mashed potatoes with a touch of sour cream for a nice acidity. My in-laws prefer red wines so I always bring my favorites over to share. We drink light reds, heavy reds, old reds, new reds... did I mention they like reds? Both the **2017 Santa Ynez Valley Petit Verdot** and the **2017 Reserve Santa Ynez Valley Syrah** are nice choices to accompany Thanksgiving browned stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, or Christmas prime rib as we move into winter. Although, my absolute favorite pairing with these wines is bacon wrapped dates – a simple, yet impressive appetizer to start off any holiday gathering with a bang. The 2017 Petit Verdot has expressive notes of roasted spiced plum, and dark, rich black fruits that really speak to the colder weather and enjoying fireside. The 2017 Reserve Syrah is another that plays nicely in the colder winter months, but don't let that stop you from enjoying with your favorite BBQ – smoked turkey legs for Thanksgiving perhaps?

As always, we can't thank you enough for your membership and we hope to see you at the winery this fall and winter. We wish you a wonderful and safe holiday season full of your favorite family traditions.

Cheers,

Dan Spratling, *Winemaker*

## FIRESTONE 2018 RESERVE CHARDONNAY, SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

This chardonnay expresses aromas of crisp apple and pear with hints of citrus blossom. Its bright acidity melds together with notes of freshly buttered toast for a refined, yet refreshing finish.

<b>APPELLATION</b>	Santa Ynez Valley
<b>COMPOSITION</b>	78% Chardonnay, 21% Rousanne, 1% Gewürtztraminer
<b>ALCOHOL</b>	14.1%
<b>AGING</b>	13 months in French and Hungarian oak, 20% new
<b>PRODUCTION</b>	647 Cases

**Retail Price: \$32.00 Club Price: \$25.60 Reorder Price: \$22.40**



## FIRESTONE 2017 PETIT VERDOT, SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

Expressing the site where it was grown, our 2017 Petit Verdot is bold with aromas of black cherries, plum preserve, and violets. Your palate will be delighted with notes of blueberries, pipe tobacco and barrel spices. This wine is rich with firm tannins and a long finish.

<b>APPELLATION</b>	Santa Ynez Valley
<b>COMPOSITION</b>	100% Petit Verdot
<b>ALCOHOL</b>	14.8%
<b>AGING</b>	22 months in French, American and Hungarian oak 20% new
<b>PRODUCTION</b>	714 Cases

**Retail Price: \$34.00 Club Price: \$27.20 Reorder Price: \$23.80**



## FIRESTONE 2017 RESERVE SYRAH, SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

Our Reserve Syrah is known for its robust mouthfeel and intense flavor profile. Dark, dense and delicious, this Syrah has flavors of blackberry, currant, and white pepper. Its balanced tannins, integrated oak and nice acidity make for a great pairing with strong, salty cheese.

<b>APPELLATION</b>	Santa Ynez Valley
<b>COMPOSITION</b>	100% Syrah
<b>ALCOHOL</b>	14.5%
<b>AGING</b>	22 months in French, American and Hungarian oak, 35% new
<b>PRODUCTION</b>	529 Cases

**Retail Price: \$42.00 Club Price: \$33.60 Reorder Price: \$29.40**



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