



FIRESTONE

VINEYARD

2016 SANTA YNEZ VALLEY RIESLING

Founded in 1972, Firestone was the first major estate winery to sink roots in the Santa Ynez Valley. 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. The moderate weather and complex, rocky soils make this a perfect setting for our 340 acres of Bordeaux, Rhone and Burgundian varieties.

VINEYARDS

The Santa Ynez Valley is located just two hours north of Los Angeles and five hours south of San Francisco, adjacent the cold Pacific Ocean. With the greatest concentration of wineries in Santa Barbara County - roughly 18% of its total land planted to vineyards - it is among the favorite weekend destinations for wine aficionados in the Central Coast region.

VINTAGE

2016 was another vintage of both high quality and quantity of fruit. We had an early bud break, which began in the third week of February, and a warm spring that led to slightly earlier bloom. Summer temperatures were mild and warm resulting in a good fruit set and average yields. We harvested all the fruit on August 23, 2016 - the earliest harvest to date - in cool temperatures to ensure cold fruit at pressing.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

This Riesling has a delightfully bright combination of crisp Golden Delicious apples, lemon zest, and nectarine. The full round finish displays fragrant notes of Mandarin orange and jasmine tea with honey on the finish. Pair with spicy foods for a delightful flavor contrast.

AVA	Santa Ynez Valley
COMPOSITION	95% Riesling, 5% Gewurztraminer
ALCOHOL	13.9%
AGING	100% Stainless steel
TA	6.9 g/L
pH	3.35
CASE PRODUCTION	12,046
BOTTLING DATE	May 11, 2017
