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2016 SANTA YNEZ VALLEY CHARDONNAY

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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.

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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.

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VINTAGE

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2016 was another vintage of both high quality and quantity of fruit. An early bud break in the third week of February and a warm spring led to a 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 – October 8, 2016 in cool temperatures to ensure cold fruit at pressing.

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WINEMAKER'S NOTES

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Our 2016 Santa Ynez Valley Chardonnay offers vibrant aromas of lemon zest and juicy apricot, complemented by a full, lush palate of toasted oak, brioche and a hint of toasted caramel. This Chardonnay greets the palate with a full bodied mouthfeel and bright acidity while still maintaining a soft, round finish.

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AVA	Santa Ynez Valley
COMPOSITION	96% Chardonnay, 2% Sauvignon Blanc, 2% Rousanne
ALCOHOL	13.9%
AGING	10 months in 15% new oak
TA	6 g/L
pH	3.69
CASE PRODUCTION	3,186
BOTTLING DATE	August 2017

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