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## 2016 SANTA YNEZ VALLEY GEWÜRZTRAMINER

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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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### VINEYARDS

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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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A cool-climate varietal by design, the Gewürztraminer grown on our estate benefits from the gentle slope of a western hillside which allows the cool breezes of the nearby Pacific Ocean to moderate daytime temperatures. Gewürztraminer is among the most aromatic grape varietals on earth, and our 2016 bottling shows forward notes of lychee, ginger, and orange blossom. The crisp palate is filled with flavors of grapefruit, lime zest and lemon. It's balanced and refreshing nature makes it extremely food friendly.

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AVA	Santa Ynez Valley
COMPOSITION	100% Gewürztraminer
ALCOHOL	13%
AGING	100% Stainless steel
TA	6.4 g/L
pH	3.28
CASE PRODUCTION	565
BOTTLING DATE	May 18, 2017

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