



FIRESTONE

VINEYARD



SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

2019 | Cabernet Franc

Founded in 1972, Firestone was the first major estate winery to sink roots in Santa Barbara County. 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, making it an ideal setting for our estate vineyards planted to Bordeaux, Rhône 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 2019 had a robust amount of rain during the winter, ending Santa Barbara County's drought. We had early bud break with a mild spring and summer. Our first pick was September 11th. There was a short heat spike in early September which lasted about one week, then we were back to consistent, mild weather again, allowing us to pick each block at the optimum time. The Firestone vineyard was completely picked by November 11th.

WINEMAKER NOTES This wine opens with inviting aromas of cherry, plum, black tea and a hint of tobacco. Rich, succulent fruit flavors are supported by soft tannin and balanced acidity. The wine finishes long with rich, toasty oak lingering on the palate.

APPELLATION Santa Ynez Valley

COMPOSITION 90% Cabernet Franc, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon

ALCOHOL 14.9% | **TA** 4.9 g/L | **pH** 3.74

AGING 22 Months in French oak | 30% New

PRODUCTION 542 cases

