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VINEYARD



SANTA BARBARA COUNTY 2018 | Chardonnay

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. The moderate weather and complex, rocky soils make this a perfect setting for our 340 acres of Bordeaux, Rhône and Burgundian varieties.

VINEYARDS Santa Barbara County 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 The 2018 vintage had a light amount of rain during the winter continuing Santa Barbara County's drought for yet another year. With an early budbreak and a mild spring and summer, the heat spike in early September lasted about one week. Back to consistent mild weather again, it allowed us to pick each block at the optimum time.

WINEMAKER NOTES Our Santa Barbara County Chardonnay expresses aromas of apple and pear with hints of citrus blossom. The pallet, with its bright acidity, expresses more citrus notes with hints of freshly buttered toast for a refine, yet refreshing finish.

APELLATION Santa Barbara County

COMPOSITION 94% Chardonnay, 6% Roussanne

ALCOHOL 13.7% | **TA** 7.2 g/L | **PH** 3.44

AGING 9 months in French oak, 20% new

PRODUCTION 3,017 Cases

