



FIRESTONE

VINEYARD



SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

2016 | Reserve Syrah

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 a 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 between August 23 - October 8, 2016. Our earliest harvest to date.

WINEMAKER NOTES Our Reserve Syrah is known for its robust mouthfeel and intense flavor profile. With aromas of spice, white pepper, tobacco, and beef carpaccio, its balanced tannins and acid make it perfect for pairing with strong, salty cheese.

APELLATION Santa Ynez Valley

COMPOSITION 100% Syrah

ALCOHOL 14.9% | **TA** 5.6 g/L | **PH** 3.75

AGING 20 Months in French, American and Hungarian Oak | 15% New

PRODUCTION 683 Cases

