



# FIRESTONE

VINEYARD



SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

## 2017 | Malbec

*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** 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** 2017 had a moderate amount of rain during the winter. We had early budbreak and a mild spring and summer. Our first pick was August 31st. There was a short heat spike in early September which lasted about one week, then back to consistent mild weather again, allowing us to pick each block at the optimum time. The Firestone vineyard was completely picked by October 27th.

**WINEMAKER NOTES** This wine expresses aromas of roasted white pepper spiced plum, tobacco and toasted brioche. The palate expresses flavors of roasted red fruit, premium oak and balanced acidity.

**APELLATION** Santa Ynez Valley

**COMPOSITION** 100% Malbec

**ALCOHOL** 14.5% | **TA** 6.4 g/L | **PH** 3.71

**AGING** 22 Months in French, American and Hungarian Oak | 20% New

**PRODUCTION** 585 Cases

