



FIRESTONE

VINEYARD



SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

2020 | Chardonnay

Founded in 1972, Firestone was the first 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 Santa Barbara County's patchwork quilt of micro-climates and unique terrain provide the ideal conditions for growing grapes, like our Firestone Chardonnay. This wine is comprised of grapes from select vineyard lots on our estate that are blended together to create a delicious, lively, medium-bodied Chardonnay.

VINTAGE The 2020 season began with minimal rain during winter — pushing Santa Barbara County into drought conditions — followed by average bud break in March and a mild spring. Summer brought relatively mild temperatures and one extreme heat spike in late August, with our vineyard weather stations recording 118F! Harvest began September 3rd, and mild weather through most of the month allowed us to pick each vineyard block at the optimal time. Harvest was completed on November 3rd.

WINEMAKER NOTES Our Chardonnay is blended with small amounts of Sauvignon Blanc and Rousanne to add structure and complexity, while retaining its crispness from only 50% malolactic fermentation. This wine offers aromas of stone fruit, apricot notes and a hint of toasted brioche. Bright and lively on the palate, crisp peach notes give way to lush and creamy toasted oak on the finish. This wine pairs beautifully with prosciutto and melon, caprese and assorted light meats and cheeses.

APPELLATION Santa Barbara County

COMPOSITION 77% Chardonnay, 13% Sauvignon Blanc, 10% Rousanne

ALCOHOL 13.9% | **TA** 6.5 g/L | **pH** 3.38

AGING 9 months in French oak, 15% new

PRODUCTION 3,000 cases

