



SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

2022 | The Chairman Series Cabernet Sauvignon

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, Rhone and Burgundian varieties.

VINEYARDS The grapes for this wine come from a vineyard on our estate in Santa Ynez Valley. Situated at 1,000-foot elevation, this hillside vineyard is comprised of rocky, sandy, alluvial soil on the edge of a plateau, ideal soil for growing our Cabernet Sauvignon because of its permeable qualities. During the growing season, the fog sits right on top of our vineyards, creating desirable, cool foggy morning weather, with diurnal temperature swings of 50 degrees.

VINTAGE Santa Barbara County's drought conditions continued in the 2022 growing season. Cool summer weather patterns delayed grape maturity until August, when hot days coupled with unusually warm nights pushed the fruit toward harvest readiness. Firestone had its earliest pick in the last 6 years, and was completely picked by October 19th.

WINEMAKER NOTES This Chairman Series wine is made from our best Cabernet Sauvignon block on the estate. It opens with beautiful aromas of lush black currant fruit and accents of kalamata olive. On the palate, the wine has bold tannin that ripple into chewy, chalky notes of cedar, pomegranate, and earthy graphite. Decant this wine to showcase its layers. Serve with steak frites.

APPELLATION Santa Ynez Valley COMPOSITION 97% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Petit Verdot ALCOHOL 13.9% | TA 5.72 g/L | pH 3.93 AGING French and American oak | 50% New PRODUCTION 594 cases

