



FIRESTONE

VINEYARD



SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

2023 | 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 2023 was a cooler growing season overall, with moderate rainfall and later-than-average bud break. With proper canopy management, our reds developed high concentrations of color and tannin, and the whites retained austere fruit expression and natural, bright acidity. 2023 will be regarded as a vintage of great quality and of one of the most exceptional vintages in recent years.

WINEMAKER NOTES The 2023 "The Chairman Series" Cabernet Sauvignon opens with an alluring bouquet of cassis, dark plum, and vibrant blue fruit. On the palate, the wine is impressively dense and layered, offering a structured experience defined by chewy tannins and sophisticated notes of black olive. Hints of graphite, tobacco, and fresh thyme add savory complexity to the fruit profile, leading to a powerful yet balanced finish. This bold Cabernet is a natural match for rich, savory dishes like smoked brisket, beef ribs, or roasted seasonal root vegetables.

APPELLATION Santa Ynez Valley

COMPOSITION 96% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Petit Verdot

ALCOHOL 14.5% | **TA** 6.1 g/L | **pH** 3.83

AGING 18 months in French oak, 40% new

PRODUCTION 932 cases



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