



# FIRESTONE

VINEYARD



SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

## 2019 | Reserve Syrah

*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 Bordeaux, Rhône and Burgundian varieties.*

**VINEYARDS** The grapes for this wine come from two vineyard blocks on our estate in Santa Ynez Valley. Situated at 1,000-foot elevation on a plateau, this vineyard is comprised of gravely, sandy loam soil from sedimentary oceanic rocks containing limestone and shale, ideal soil for growing our Syrah 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** 2019 had a robust amount of rain during the winter, ending Santa Barbara County's drought. We had early bud break with a mild spring and summer. Our first pick was September 11th. There was a short heat spike in early September which lasted about one week, then we were back to consistent, mild weather again, allowing us to pick each block at the optimum time. The vineyard was completely picked by November 11th.

**WINEMAKER NOTES** Our 2019 Syrah is bold and distinct. This wine delivers aromas and flavors of zesty white pepper and rich dark fruit. Its balanced acidity and lush tannins make this the ideal accompaniment to tri-tip, bison burgers, or tomato-based sauces such as Bolognese.

**APPELLATION** Santa Ynez Valley

**COMPOSITION** 100% Syrah

**ALCOHOL** 14.9% | **TA** 5.3 g/L | **pH** 3.63

**AGING** 22 months in 70% French oak, 30% Hungarian oak | 35% New

**PRODUCTION** 973 cases

