



FIRESTONE

VINEYARD



PASO ROBLES 2016 | Red Blend

Founded in 1972, Firestone was the first major estate winery to sink roots in the Santa Ynez Valley. 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, Rhone and Burgundian varieties.

VINEYARDS For a region that has been growing grapes since 1797, Paso Robles has all of a sudden become one of the “hottest” AVAs in California. Located midway between Santa Barbara and Monterey, this rolling countryside is synonymous with big, rich, high-character wines. The west portion of Paso Robles enjoys a moderately cool climate thanks to the influence of the nearby Pacific Ocean.

VINTAGE 2016 produced average yields and high quality fruit in Paso Robles. Few frost spells in winter and little to no rain led to an early bud break at the end of February. A very good fruit set in spring was followed by a warm summer that kept the vines roaring through veraison and maturation. Harvest occurred from August 23rd — October 8th, 2016.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES Our 2016 Paso Robles red blend is a brilliant ruby red in the glass. It entices the palate with nuances of cherry cola, anise, and a hint of nutmeg. Notes of cherry, mocha, and white pepper round out the firm structure and lingering finish. Pair with marinara sauce over spaghetti, on pizza, or with cheesy chicken parmesan.

AVA - Paso Robles | ALCOHOL - 14.5% | TA - 6.5 g/L | PH - 3.71

AGING - 9 months in Hungarian and American oak, 10% new

COMPOSITION - 60% Merlot, 30% Grenache, 10% Petite Sirah

BOTTLING DATE - August 21, 2017

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