



FIRESTONE

VINEYARD



SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

2022 | Malbec

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, Rhône 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 Malbec 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 Drought conditions in Santa Ynez Valley 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 The 2022 Malbec opens with mouthwatering aromas of berry cobbler and pomegranate. On the palate it has delicate tannin, juicy mouthfeel, and flavors of dark blackberry jam, red plum, and ribbons of cranberry fruit. This is the perfect wine for Thanksgiving dinner - beautiful, and approachable with moderate acidity.

APPELLATION Santa Ynez Valley

COMPOSITION 100% Malbec

ALCOHOL 13.9% | **TA** 5.97 g/L | **pH** 3.8

AGING 16 months in French oak | 25% new

