



FIRESTONE

VINEYARD



SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

2021 | Riesling

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 Santa Ynez Valley is a small eastern sub-appellation of Santa Barbara County. One of the first varietals we planted was our estate Riesling, grown outside of the little town of Los Olivos, in chalky, gravelly soil that provides the ideal drainage for the vines.

VINTAGE 2021 had a minimal amount of rain during the winter, continuing Santa Barbara County's drought. Early bud break and mild spring weather continued into a cool summer. A short heat spike in early August lasted about a week before the mild weather pattern resumed, allowing us to pick each block at the optimum time. Our first pick was September 8th, the earliest in the last 5 years. Harvest was completed October 28th.

WINEMAKER NOTES This Riesling opens with a generous burst of enticing scents. Tropical fruit and citrus notes combine with hints of rose, honeysuckle blossom and green tea. This wine is light-bodied, offering a bright acidity and flavors of tropical citrus with spiced rose. Serve chilled and pair with light summer fare such as melon gazpacho, ceviche, Thai minced chicken salad or lemon-herb linguine with shrimp.

APPELLATION Santa Barbara County

COMPOSITION 94% Riesling, 6% Gewürztraminer

ALCOHOL 13.5% | **TA** 6.6 g/L | **pH** 3.32

AGING Stainless steel

PRODUCTION 5,208 cases



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