



# FIRESTONE

VINEYARD



SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

## 2023 | The Chairman Series Fumé Blanc

*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** Santa Barbara County's patchwork quilt of micro-climates and unique terrain provide the ideal conditions for growing grapes, like our Firestone The Chairman Series Fumé Blanc. This wine is comprised of grapes from the best vineyard block on our estate in Santa Ynez Valley planted to the Musqué clone, one of the most aromatic grape clones with hints of Muscat, as the name implies.

**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 fruit for this wine comes from our best block of Sauvignon Blanc on the estate. The musqué clone makes this a highly aromatic wine, showcasing a beautiful tropical bouquet upon opening. The flavor profile is bright, with lively acidity and flavors of confectionery citrus, nectarine, and white peach. The creamy finish adds notes of grapefruit and lemon custard to satisfy the palate. Enjoy paired with fatty fish, cream sauces or Thanksgiving turkey with mashed potatoes and gravy.

**APPELLATION** Santa Barbara County

**COMPOSITION** 100% Sauvignon Blanc

**ALCOHOL** 13.5% | **TA** 6.55 g/L | **pH** 3.34

**AGING** Aged 7 months in French and American oak, 8% new

**PRODUCTION** 422 cases



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