

FIRESTONE

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY 2022 | 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 Santa Barbara County's drought conditions 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 Riesling is known for it's highly aromatic nature. Our 2022 is beautifully representative of that reputation, offering honeysuckle flowers and St. Germain. The mouthwatering palate is light-bodied and nuanced, exuding flavors of guava, citrus, and stone-fruit. This wine is an excellent pairing for Asian cuisine, especially Tom Yum Goong, or yellow curry.

APPELLATION Santa Barbara County **COMPOSITION** 92% Riesling, 8% Gewürztraminer ALCOHOL 13.9% | TA 5.7 g/L | pH 3.35 AGING Stainless steel **PRODUCTION** 4,000 cases



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