



FIRESTONE

VINEYARD



SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

2021 | Cabernet Franc

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 located just two hours north of Los Angeles and five hours south of San Francisco, adjacent the cold Pacific Ocean. With the greatest concentration of wineries in Santa Barbara County - roughly 18% of its total land planted to vineyards - it is among the favorite weekend destinations for wine aficionados in the Central Coast region.

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 Aromas of juicy black berry, graphite, and black pepper lead to elegant tannins with balanced oak on the palate. Blue fruit, ripe blackberry, black pepper, and a ribbon of savory herbs round out this wine. Serve alongside gamey meats or traditional lasagna.

APPELLATION Santa Ynez Valley

COMPOSITION 100% Cabernet Franc

ALCOHOL 14.9% | **TA** 6.41 g/L | **pH** 3.63

AGING Aged 18 months in French and American oak, 15% new

PRODUCTION 1,700 cases



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