



# FIRESTONE

VINEYARD



SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

## 2023 | Petit Verdot

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 vineyard is comprised of gravelly, sandy loam from sedimentary oceanic rocks containing limestone and shale, ideal soil for growing our Petit Verdot 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** 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** Petit Verdot has a reputation for its deep color and concentrated flavors and this wine is a testament to the varietal. It opens with aromas of blackberry fruit accented by notes of graphite and pomegranate. On the palate, bold tannins and nuanced espresso are coupled with black pepper, blueberry and black berry fruits. Balanced oak and gentle acidity soften the finish. This bold wine pairs perfectly with barbecued tri-tip or pork belly and grilled vegetables. We recommend decanting for 30-60 minutes prior to serving.

**APPELLATION** Santa Ynez Valley

**COMPOSITION** 100% Petit Verdot

**ALCOHOL** 14.5% | **TA** 6.2 g/L | **pH** 3.81

**AGING** 14 months in French oak, 25% new

**PRODUCTION** 380 cases

