



# FIRESTONE

VINEYARD



SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

## 2021 | 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** 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** The musqué clone makes this a highly aromatic wine, with creamy tropical citrus confectionery notes and hints of pineapple and grapefruit. The palate is rich with a crisp acidity, offering bright citrus flavors and finishing with creamy toasted oak characters. Enjoy paired with fatty fish, cream sauces or Thanksgiving turkey with mashed potatoes and gravy.

**APPELLATION** Santa Ynez Valley

**COMPOSITION** 100% Sauvignon Blanc

**ALCOHOL** 14.3% | **TA** 6.6 g/L | **pH** 3.34

**AGING** Aged sur lie for 8 months in French oak, 20% new; stirred twice weekly

**PRODUCTION** 712 cases

