



FIRESTONE

VINEYARD



SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

2023 | Reserve Chardonnay

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 9 acres on our estate in Santa Ynez Valley. Situated at 1,000-foot elevation, this west facing, gently sloping vineyard is comprised of gravelly, sandy loam soil from sedimentary oceanic rocks containing limestone and shale, ideal soil for growing our Chardonnay 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 The 2023 Reserve Chardonnay opens with aromas of ripe pineapple and roasted vanilla bean. On the palate, it has balanced acidity, rich in notes of crème brûlée, toasted graham and caramelized brown sugar with accents of pear and golden apple. The finish is long and smooth. This wine pairs beautifully with Thanksgiving turkey and fixings.

APPELLATION Santa Ynez Valley

COMPOSITION 100% Chardonnay

ALCOHOL 13.9% | **TA** 6.5 g/L | **pH** 3.44

AGING 14 months in French oak, 25% new

PRODUCTION 367 cases



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