



FIRESTONE

VINEYARD



SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

2022 | 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 gravely, 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 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 This is a smooth and creamy wine made from our premium Chardonnay block on the estate. Aromas of golden apple and bosc pear reveal confectionery caramel, toasted meringue, and brioche flavors on the palate. We suggest enjoying this wine paired with pan seared rock fish with lemon butter.

APPELLATION Santa Ynez Valley

COMPOSITION 100% Chardonnay

ALCOHOL 14.3% | **TA** 5.67 g/L | **pH** 3.46

AGING 10 months in French and American oak, 10% new

PRODUCTION 1,300 cases

