



FIRESTONE

VINEYARD



SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

2020 | The Chairman Series Lineage

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. The moderate weather and complex, rocky soils make this a perfect setting for our 340 acres of Bordeaux, Rhône and Burgundian varieties.

VINEYARDS The grapes for this wine come from the best vineyard lots on our estate in Santa Ynez Valley. Situated at 1,000-foot elevation on an alluvial shelf, this vineyard is comprised of extremely porous, gravelly soil from sedimentary oceanic rocks containing limestone and shale, ideal for growing our Petit Verdot, Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon for Lineage 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 2020 had a minimal amount of rain during the winter, pushing Santa Barbara County back into drought conditions. We had an average bud break starting in March and a mild spring that let to a summer of relatively mild temperatures with a heat spike in late June, and an extreme heat spike in late August - 118F! Our first pick was September 3rd, and there was another short heat spike in mid September, then back to consistent mild weather that allowed us to pick each block at the optimum time, completing harvest on November 3rd.

WINEMAKER NOTES The Chairman Series Lineage is a bold and distinguished red. On the nose, roasted spiced plum pie with hints of espresso, vanilla and toasty oak intermingle creating a mouthwatering aroma. Layers of dense flavors mimic the bouquet with strong support from a perfectly balanced tannin-acid structure. Pair Lineage with main course attractions like New York steak, filet mignon, short ribs or venison.

APPELLATION Santa Ynez Valley

COMPOSITION 88% Malbec, 11% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1% Merlot

ALCOHOL 14.3% | **TA** 5.5 g/L | **pH** 3.75

AGING 17 Months in French and American oak, 10% new

