



FIRESTONE

VINEYARD



SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

2019 | 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, making it an ideal setting for our estate vineyards planted to Bordeaux, Rhone 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 2019 had a robust amount of rain during the winter, ending Santa Barbara County's drought. We had early bud break with a mild spring and summer. Our first pick was September 11th. There was a short heat spike in early September which lasted about one week, then we were back to consistent, mild weather again, allowing us to pick each block at the optimum time. The vineyard was completely picked by November 11th.

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 92% Petit Verdot, 5% Malbec, 3% Merlot

ALCOHOL 14.5% | **TA** 6.1 g/L | **pH** 3.82

AGING 22 Months in French oak | 50% New

PRODUCTION 407 cases

