



FIRESTONE

VINEYARD



SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

2021 | 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 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 3rd, the earliest in the last 5 years. Harvest was completed November 3rd.

WINEMAKER NOTES The Chairman Series Lineage is a bold and distinguished red wine. On the nose, rich cassis with hints of fennel and black currant intermingle to create a mouthwatering aroma. On the palate, this wine is robust, with layers of blue and black fruit supported by well-structured tannin and notes of graphite. We recommend decanting for 30-60 minutes before serving to allow the deeply complex fruit characters to evolve. Lineage's great texture makes it a perfect pairing with rib eye, New York steak, filet mignon, short ribs, or venison...or a holiday feast.

APPELLATION Santa Ynez Valley

COMPOSITION 75% Petit Verdot, 15% Malbec, 5% Merlot,
5% Cabernet Sauvignon

ALCOHOL 14.5% | **TA** 6.13 g/L | **pH** 3.68

AGING 18 months in French oak, 40% new



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