



FIRESTONE

VINEYARD



SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

2022 | Cabernet Franc

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 Santa Ynez Valley is located just two hours north of Los Angeles and five hours south of San Francisco, adjacent the cold Pacific Ocean. With the greatest concentration of wineries in Santa Barbara County - roughly 18% of its total land planted to vineyards - it is among the favorite weekend destinations for wine aficionados in the Central Coast region.

VINTAGE Drought conditions in Santa Ynez Valley 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 Our 2022 Cabernet Franc is chock-full of enticing aromas of cassis, raspberry, and graphite. On the palate, this wine is fresh with accents of pepper and tobacco laced with ribbons of silky tannin and delicate notes of red plum, cherry, and pomegranate. Serve with lamb with mint sauce or tri-tip BBQ for a memorable meal.

APPELLATION Santa Ynez Valley

COMPOSITION 99% Cabernet Franc, 1% Cabernet Sauvignon

ALCOHOL 13.9% | **TA** 5.78 g/L | **pH** 3.8

AGING Aged 16 months in French and American oak, 25% new

PRODUCTION 652 cases



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