



FIRESTONE

VINEYARD



SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

2022 | 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 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 The Chairman Series Lineage is a bold and distinguished red wine. On the nose, rich cassis, currant, and juicy blackberry are accented by notes of sweet tobacco. On the palate, this wine has chalky tannin and showcases earthy blue fruit with veins of graphite, olive, and pomegranate. Decant and pair with roasted lamb, wild game, or root vegetables.

APPELLATION Santa Ynez Valley

COMPOSITION 70% Petit Verdot, 23% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Merlot, 3% Malbec

ALCOHOL 13.9% | **TA** 5.58 g/L | **pH** 3.79

AGING 18 months in French oak, 50% new



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