



# FIRESTONE

VINEYARD



SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

## 2020 | 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** 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. Summer brought relatively mild temperatures with an extreme heat spike in late August with our vineyard weather stations recording 118 degrees! Our first pick was September 3<sup>rd</sup>. There was another short heat spike in mid September which lasted about one week, then back to consistent mild weather again, allowing us to pick each block at the optimum time. The Firestone vineyard was completely picked by November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**WINEMAKER NOTES** This wine opens with inviting aromas of cherry, plum, black tea and a hint of tobacco. Rich, succulent fruit flavors are supported by soft tannin and balanced acidity. The wine finishes long with rich, toasty oak lingering on the palate.

**APPELLATION** Santa Ynez Valley

**COMPOSITION** 100% Cabernet Franc

**ALCOHOL** 14.5% | **TA** 5.2 g/L | **pH** 3.78

**AGING** 22 Months in French oak | 35% New

**PRODUCTION** 786 cases



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