

FIRESTONE



SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

2024 | The Chairman Series Fumé Blanc

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 Santa Barbara County's patchwork quilt of micro-climates and unique terrain provide the ideal conditions for growing grapes, like our Firestone The Chairman Series Fumé Blanc. This wine is comprised of grapes from the best vineyard block on our estate in Santa Ynez Valley planted to the Musqué clone, one of the most aromatic grape clones with hints of Muscat, as the name implies.

VINTAGE 2024 was defined by a cooler, more moderate growing season with less than average rainfall and late bud break. After several years of early harvest start dates, 2024 returned to a more typical time frame, with our first pick after Labor Day and our last pick on October 22. The vines produced lower yields contributing to good vine balance, excellent concentration of flavors, and natural retention of bright acidity leading to lean, fresh, and elegant wines.

WINEMAKER NOTES The wine opens with perfumed aromas of tropical guava juice and fresh nectarine fruit. On the palate, it has vibrant acidity, with round, rich viscosity and notes of ripe yellow peach, candied grapefruit, nectarine, and creme on the finish. This is a highly versatile wine, excellent with brunch, a summer sushi feast, or a hearty Thanksgiving spread.

APPELLATION Santa Ynez Valley COMPOSITION 100% Sauvignon Blanc ALCOHOL 14.5% | TA 7.1 g/L | pH 3.38 AGING 7 months in oak, 20% new PRODUCTION 385 cases

