



FIRESTONE

VINEYARD



SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

2020 | The Chairman Series Cabernet Sauvignon

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 a vineyard on our estate in Santa Ynez Valley. Situated at 1,000-foot elevation, this hillside vineyard is comprised of rocky, sandy, alluvial soil on the edge of a plateau, ideal soil for growing our Cabernet Sauvignon 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 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 3rd. 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 3rd.

WINEMAKER NOTES This Chairman Series wine is made from our best Cabernet Sauvignon block on the estate. It is a bold wine with layers of roasted spiced plum flavors and hints of cocoa, vanilla, and toasty oak on the nose. The lush tannin structure is complemented by smooth acidity that persists long after each indulgent sip. This wine pairs well with prime or short rib, roast beef, venison or pasta dishes with dark meat-based sauces.

APPELLATION Santa Ynez Valley

COMPOSITION 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

ALCOHOL 15.1% | **TA** 5.8 g/L | **pH** 3.83

AGING 22 Months in French oak | 50% New

PRODUCTION 1,142 cases



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