FIRESTONE
VINEYARD

SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

2023 | Reserve Syrah

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. The moderate weather and complex, rocky soils make this a perfect setting for our Bordeaux, Rhône and Burgundian varieties.



VINEYARDS The grapes for this wine come from two vineyard blocks on our estate in Santa Ynez Valley. Situated at 1,000-foot elevation on a plateau, this vineyard is comprised of gravely, sandy loam soil from sedimentary oceanic rocks containing limestone and shale, ideal soil for growing our Syrah 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 2023 was a cooler growing season overall, with moderate rainfall and later-than-average bud break. With proper canopy management, our reds developed high concentrations of color and tannin, and the whites retained austere fruit expression and natural, bright acidity. 2023 will be regarded as a vintage of great quality and of one of the most exceptional vintages in recent years.

WINEMAKER NOTES The 2023 Santa Ynez Valley Reserve Syrah invites you in with classic aromatics of juicy red plum accented by a distinct crack of black pepper. On the palate, this medium-bodied Syrah is beautifully balanced, offering savory layers of tangy rhubarb, toasted cedar, and earthy black olive. Its refined structure and spice-driven profile make it a standout pairing for rosemary-crusted lamb chops served alongside a crisp fennel slaw..

APPELLATION Santa Ynez Valley
COMPOSITION 100% Syrah
ALCOHOL 14.8% | TA 5.8 g/L | pH 3.79
AGING 18 months in French oak, 25% new
PRODUCTION 450 cases

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