



# FIRESTONE

VINEYARD



SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

## 2022 | 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** 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** Our 2022 Syrah opens with black pepper, black plum, and accents of violet candy on the nose. The palate is juicy, offering moderate tannin support to layers of blackberry, plum, and currant with delicate French oak framing. Pair with smoked duck, sausage, or charred scallion chimichurri.

**APPELLATION** Santa Ynez Valley

**COMPOSITION** 96% Syrah, 4% Malbec

**ALCOHOL** 14.1% | **TA** 5.99 g/L | **pH** 3.71

**AGING** 18 months in French oak, 30% new

**PRODUCTION** 500 cases

