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VINEYARD

SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

2023 | The Chairman Series Lineage

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 the best vineyard lots on our estate in Santa Ynez Valley. Situated at 1,000-foot elevation on an alluvial shelf, this vineyard is comprised of extremely porous, gravely soil from sedimentary oceanic rocks containing limestone and shale, ideal for growing our Petit Verdot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Malbec for Lineage 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 Chairman Series 2023 Lineage opens with beautiful aromatics of Chambord and warm espresso beans. On the palate, the wine is dense and structured, revealing layers of cassis and blackberries complemented by complex notes of toasted French oak and black olive. Elegant, savory charred pomegranate tannins provide a refined framework that carries through the finish, making this bold selection an exceptional pairing for a tender filet mignon served alongside steakhouse frites with herbed salt.

APPELLATION Santa Ynez Valley
COMPOSITION 65% Petit Verdot, 26% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Merlot, 4% Malbec
ALCOHOL 14.5% | TA 6.20 g/L | pH 3.78
AGING 18 months in French oak, 50% new

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