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VINEYARD



{ NOTE FROM THE WINEMAKER }

Greetings from Firestone. Happy New Year! As I write this, we are getting a lot of much needed rain! In fact, the winery is currently closed because of so much rain at one time. No worries for the vines though, as they remain dormant in advance of budbreak in the spring. Our vineyard team has their hands full, pruning and tying existing vines, and planting new vines on the ranch. Hint: there may be more Riesling and Cabernet Franc in Firestone's future! I am looking forward to the beautiful fruit coming off our vineyards under the direction of Greg Gonzales, our vineyard director.

The first wine in your shipment is our popular **2021 The Chairman Series Fumé Blanc** which is comprised of grapes from the very best vineyard blocks on our estate. This 100% Sauvignon Blanc is completely barrel fermented, 20% new French oak, 80% neutral. Pair this wine with richer seafood and cream sauces, fish, or chicken picatta, turkey and mashed potatoes, or a burrata and prosciutto appetizer.

Secondly, we have our **2021 Reserve Chardonnay** from Santa Ynez Valley. This is a full-bodied and creamy wine made from our premium Chardonnay block on the estate. Enjoy this wine paired with rich seafood, poultry, creamy pastas, and cheeses.

Next, we have our **2020 The Chairman Series Merlot**. Hailing from our oldest and best block of Merlot on the ranch, this vineyard sits on an alluvial fan at 1,000-foot elevation – a desirable location with ideal soils for the varietal. With this vintage, we increased the amount of new, medium-plus-toast French oak to impart darker characteristics into the wine, like coffee and toffee notes. This 100% Merlot is a bold wine with layers of lush tannins that make it ideal for pairing with short ribs and polenta, or any braised red meats.

Finally, we have our **2020 Cabernet Franc**. The mild growing year evenly ripened the Cabernet Franc berries and allowed us to pick grapes at the optimum time, creating a perfectly balanced wine. Increasing the amount of new, medium toast French oak this vintage lends more fruit characteristics and helps us build a more robust wine with a broader palate. I like to pair this Cabernet Franc with steak, tri tip or a deluxe grilled hamburger.

If you plan on being in the Los Olivos area, we hope you'll visit us at the winery. We are offering a new wine tasting flight that includes selections from the Foley Food & Wine Society portfolio, in addition to your Firestone favorites – [The Connoisseur Club Flight](#). Then, join us on select Sundays for music in the barrel room or our courtyard, depending on the weather. Next up: Vinyl in the Barrel Room on Sunday, March 5th. Click [here](#) to reserve your spot.

We hope to see you soon, thank you for your support of Firestone, and we wish you a happy and safe start to 2023!

Cheers,

Dan Spratling, Winemaker





2021 THE CHAIRMAN SERIES FUMÉ BLANC, SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

The musqué clone makes this a highly aromatic wine, with creamy tropical citrus confectionery notes and hints of pineapple and grapefruit. The palate is rich with a crisp acidity, offering bright citrus flavors and finishing with creamy toasted oak characters.

APELLATION	Santa Ynez Valley
COMPOSITION	100% Sauvignon Blanc
ALCOHOL	14.3%
AGING	Aged sur lie for 8 months in French oak, 20% new; stirred twice weekly
PRODUCTION	712 Cases



2021 RESERVE CHARDONNAY, SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

Stone fruit, candied toffee, ginger, and toasted brioche waft from the glass. The palate is lush and full-bodied with light acidity.

APELLATION	Santa Ynez Valley
COMPOSITION	100% Chardonnay
ALCOHOL	13.5%
AGING	8 months in French oak, 15% new
PRODUCTION	717 Cases



2020 THE CHAIRMAN SERIES MERLOT, SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

Aromas of roasted spiced plum, hints of cocoa, vanilla, coffee, toffee, and toasty oak lead to mouthwatering acidity and layers of lush tannins.

APELLATION	Santa Ynez Valley
COMPOSITION	100% Merlot
ALCOHOL	14.9%
AGING	22 months in French, 50% new
PRODUCTION	573 Cases



2020 CABERNET FRANC, SANTA YNEZ VALLEY

Deep ruby in color, this wine opens with inviting aromas of cherry, plum, black tea and a hint of tobacco. Rich, succulent fruit flavors are supported by soft tannins and balanced acidity. The wine finished with long and rich, toasty oak lingering on the palate.

APELLATION	Santa Ynez Valley
COMPOSITION	90% Cabernet Franc, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon
ALCOHOL	14.5%
AGING	22 months in French oak, 30% new
PRODUCTION	786 Cases

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{ WINE LAB SUNDAYS—2023 DATES ANNOUNCED! }

New experience alert: [Wine Lab Sundays!](#) Beginning in February and hosted the last Sunday of the month thereafter, join us for a series of fun and informative monthly wine gatherings where we explore wines of Firestone Vineyard and the Foley Food & Wine Society. We will feature three partner wineries from across California and beyond, taking a deep dive into the wines and common themes among them. Led by Sommelier Billie Rolla, Wine Lab Sundays include hands-on experiments, small group conversation, some friendly competition, and of course wine! Wine Lab Sundays include TWO (2) seats at the table, so bring a friend or loved one and meet other fun wine enthusiasts. Absolutely no previous wine knowledge is necessary! On Sunday, February 26th, we will dive into our “Chocolate & Wine Lab” where we will explore one of the greatest food and wine pairing challenges – pairing wines with dessert. Too much unbalanced sugar can make a wine taste bitter and sour. Is the wine sweet or just fruity? In this lab you will learn to confidently red the sweetness of a wine and impress your loved ones with a perfect sweet pairing. And the best part? You’ll take 3 wines home with you along with a box of deluxe truffles to recreate the experience at home. Click [here](#) for more information and to reserve your spot at the table!



{ RECENT ACCLAIM }



91 points!

2021 Sauvignon Blanc, JamesSuckling.com

96 points!

2021 Rosé, Experience Rosé 2022 Wine Competition

92 points!

2020 Chardonnay, JamesSuckling.com

91 points!

2019 Merlot, JamesSuckling.com

90 points!

2019 Syrah, Wine Enthusiast

93 points!

2019 Petit Verdot, Wine Enthusiast

91 points!

2019 Cabernet Franc, Wine Enthusiast

90 points!

2020 Cabernet Sauvignon, Wine Enthusiast

90 points!

2019 The Chairman Series Lineage, Wine Enthusiast

92 points!

2019 The Chairman Series Cabernet Sauvignon, Wine Enthusiast



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