

Gist Ranch Estate

The vineyard was densely planted in the year 2000 at elevations reaching 2300 feet above sea level, 17 miles inland from the Pacific Ocean. The heavily fractured, Vaqueros Sandstone soils and unique mountain micro-climate produce singular, deeply concentrated wines that demonstrate the power and elegance of the Santa Cruz Mountains appellation. The Gist Vineyard is farmed to organic principles with an emphasis on “Living Soils” and bio-diversity.

2019 ‘Alma’ Sauvignon Blanc & Sémillon – Two Bottles Included

The 2019 vintage will go down as a classic year in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Some unsettled weather in the spring resulted in poor flowering, lower yields in some blocks. The summer was warm, but not oppressively so—the lack of extreme heat events was a welcome change. Harvest began in mid-September, finishing up in mid to late October - relatively late compared to the recent string of early harvests.

Member Price: \$40.80 Retail Price: \$48

“This blend of 61% Sauvignon Blanc and 39% Sémillon begins with reductive aromas of hay and dried grass then opens toward tart crab apple and fresher citrus rinds on the nose. Dried citrus and apple flavors arise on the palate, which is unique, oily in structure and needs time to blossom.”

– Matt Kettman, Wine Enthusiast. 91 points.

2018 Merlot – Two Bottles Included

2018 was another dry, but not particularly warm winter. This changes in early February. A system of high pressure brought daytime temperatures into the 70s, warming the dry soil and initiating bud break on the early side in some of our vineyard sites. In March an arctic cold front settled in and brought nighttime temperatures down to freezing, which risked frost damage to the new shoot growth. Summer was mostly mild, leading to a slightly later harvest than other recent vintages. These wines are poised and complex with depth and structure. Yields were low due to the early spring, but this concentrated the wines, which leads us to believe that they have a long life ahead.

Member Price: \$46.75 Retail Price: \$55

“Smashed cherry, dried herb and cocoa aromas make for an earthy nose on this bottling. There’s an herbal tone to the palate, where red-fruit flavors meet with cracked pepper. Expect more cohesion with time. Drink now through 2030.”

– Matt Kettman, Wine Enthusiast. 91 points.

2014 ‘Apex’ Cabernet Sauvignon – Two Bottles Included

2014 was the second consecutive drought vintage and featured the earliest harvesting in our 30+ year history. Early bud-break and flowering combined with relatively warm weather throughout the growing season led to rapid development of sugar and flavor in many vineyards. Consequently, we had tremendous ripeness at relatively low sugars which produced wines with bright acidity and ample structure.

Member Price: \$85 Retail Price: \$100

“The 2014 Apex Gist Ranch Estate is essentially the best four barrels of Cabernet Sauvignon off the property. Explosive, powerful and tannic the Apex hits all the right notes. Inky blue and purplish fruit, crème de cassis, menthol, lavender and sweet spices hit the palate in a sumptuous, structured Cabernet endowed with real pedigree and class. The 2014 Apex is the best wine I have tasted from Lexington yet.”

– Antonio Galloni, Vinous. 94 points.