



LEXINGTON

2021 Summer Wine Release: Three Bottle Membership - Lexington Wines

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.

2017 Lexington Gist Ranch Estate Cabernet Franc

Vintage: The 2017 vintage was another year of record setting heat, continuing our string of record setting temperatures. Luckily, Spring was mild and allowed us to set the best crop we have seen since 2012. A torrid heat spike over the labor day weekend started the growing season with a bang and had us off and running at sprinter's pace. The weather following was mild and allowed for the latest harvest we have seen in some time. It will go down as a vintage with good yields and potentially great quality.

Tasting Note: A mountain structured Cabernet Franc with aromas of red berries, floral, and spiced tones.

91 points, Wine Enthusiast

Member Price: \$55.25 Retail Price: \$65

2014 Lexington Gist Ranch Estate Cabernet Franc

Vintage: 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.

Tasting Note: 2014 Cabernet Franc from Gist Ranch Estate is super-expressive. The wine varietal aromatics, exotic spice notes and a real sense of mountain structure.

92 points, Vinous

Member Price: \$55.25 Retail Price: \$65

2015 Lexington Gist Ranch Estate 'Apex'

Vintage: The 2015 vintage was the lowest yielding vintage in our thirty-five-year history. The ongoing drought was only tangentially responsible for the loss of crop; as the warm, dry winter encouraged a record early February bud-break. March and early April were warm and dry, and things seemed to be headed in a positive direction. In mid-April a persistent trough parked off the coast of Northern California gave us five weeks of cold, wet and windy weather that killed off the blooming flowers in the vineyard and left with yields under .25 tons/acre in many vineyards. The good news is that quality is very, very high. The wines are immensely concentrated with tremendous intensity and life.

Tasting Note: The 2015 Apex is a blend of Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, and a splash of Malbec spending twenty-one months in French oak. The wine is expressive with aromas of black cherries, chocolate, black licorice, tobacco, and lavender. Only 250 cases were made of this wine.

94 points, Wine Advocate

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