

Gist Ranch Estate

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.

2018 Gist Ranch Estate Cabernet Franc

Two Bottles Included

"There's a focused line of blackberry to the core of the nose of this bottling, as well as warmer caramel and brown-spice elements, with black peppercorn on the edges. There's intense wood spice to the palate, with cracked pepper and herb lifting the core berry fruit.

– Matt Kettman, Wine Enthusiast. 92 points.

Member Price: \$55.25

Retail Price: \$65

2018 Gist Ranch Estate 'Apex'

Two Bottles Included

"The 2018 Apex, Lexington's Cabernet Sauvignon-based blend, is terrific. Bold and punchy, the 2018 offers an appealing combination of luscious, forward fruit and mountain structure. A burst of dark red cherry, plum, spice, new leather, licorice, mocha and dried herbs gives the 2018 a real sense of energy that is quite appealing. Give this a year or two to soften. One of the best wines yet here. There is less opulence than in the past. "

– Antonio Galloni, Vinous. 94 points.

Member Price: \$85

Retail Price: \$100

2016 Gist Ranch Estate Cabernet Sauvignon

Two Bottles Included

"Dried cedar, light cola, crushed corks, wild-fennel and dark-berry aromas show on the nose of this bottling. The palate's woody frame is also bold, offering mahogany spice against sandy tannins, which wrap around the dark-fruit flavors."

– Matt Kettman, Wine Enthusiast. 91 points.

Member Price: \$55.25

Retail Price: \$65

2018 Vintage

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.

2016 Vintage

The 2016 Vintage was another drought year, with early bud-break, bloom and veraison. Poor weather during the early bloom caused shatter and millerandage. Vine stress became an issue late in the year with many of our dry farmed vines showing water and nutrient stress for the first time. The resulting wines are bright and energetic with mid-weight personalities. They are profoundly aromatic and balanced wines that are site expressive and pure.