

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 'Alma'

"This Bordelaise-inspired blend of 51% Sémillon and 49% Sauvignon Blanc is suave and sleek on the nose, offering guava-peel, baked apple and tropical-citrus flavors on the pleasantly mellow nose. There is a tension to the sip, where yellow- and green-apple flavors meet with a waxy lemon peel-touch and the faintest drops of petrol."

- Matt Kettman, Wine Enthusiast. 92 points.

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

2018 Gist Ranch Estate 'Apex'

"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

2017 Gist Ranch Estate Cabernet Franc

"Light brushes of black pepper and tar enhance the dark-cranberry aromas on the nose of this bottling. Dry lines of berry, peppercorn and wood spice coalesce on the palate, which is hinged to just enough tannic grip."

- 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.

2017 Vintage

Record setting rains replenished our thirsty soils and gave our old vines a much needed reprieve from four drought stressed seasons. 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 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.

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