



# 2018 Gist Ranch Estate Cabernet Franc

## Vintage



Santa Cruz Mountain AVA



Elevation:  
2400 feet



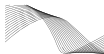
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Vaqueros Sandstone

%

14% Alcohol



Composition:

97% Cabernet Franc

2.5% Merlot

0.5% Cabernet Sauvignon



291 Cases  
Produced

Winegrower: Nathan Kandler  
Vineyard Manager: Julio Deras

2018 was another dry, but not particularly warm early winter; this changed in early February. A system of high pressure brought daytime temperatures into the 70's, warming the dry soil and initiating bud break in the earlier sections of some of our vineyard sites. In March, an arctic cold front settled in and brought nighttime temperatures down to freezing, risking frost damage to the new shoot growth. These 'false' springs, with record high temperatures, have become much more common in recent years. 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.

# Vineyard

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 biodiversity.



## Tasting Notes

Dark berry and coffeebean aromas,  
dusty minerality, black fruit, raspberry,  
spice



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Winegrower commentary

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