



**LEXINGTON**

# 2019 Gist Ranch Estate Merlot



Santa Cruz Mountain AVA



Elevation:  
2300 feet



3.45



Vaqueros Sandstone

%

13.3% Alcohol



Composition:  
94.8% Merlot

2.7% Cabernet Franc  
2.5% Cabernet Sauvignon



105 Cases  
Produced

Winegrower: Nathan Kandler  
Vineyard Manager: Julio Deras

## Vintage

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, and lower yields in certain blocks. The summer was warm but not oppressively so — the lack of extreme heat was a very welcome change from other recent years. Harvest began in mid-September, finishing up in mid- to late-October, which is relatively late compared to the recent string of early harvests. The wines are concentrated with a fine balance of structure and fruit intensity. Site expression seems amplified; low yields and moderate temperatures often lead to some of our most singular and terroir-driven wines. The wines drink surprisingly well in their youth and have all of the components necessary for a long life ahead. The only downside to this year is the low yields; these wines will be sought after and rare.

# Vineyard

This Merlot is grown at Lexington's Gist Ranch Estate which was planted in the year 2000 at 2300 feet above sea level. The heavily fractured Vaqueros Sandstone soils and mountain microclimate produce singular wines that demonstrate the power of the Santa Cruz Mountains appellation.



## Tasting Notes

Savory charcuterie, plum and black licorice, with firm tannins

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