

## 2019 Gist Ranch Estate Merlot





Santa Cruz Mountain AVA



2300 feet



Vaqueros Sandstone

13.3% Alcohol

105 Cases

Produced

3 4 5



Composition: 94 8% Merlot 2.7% Cabernet France 2.5% Cabernet Sauvianon

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 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

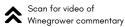
This Merlot is grown at Lexington's Gist Ranch Estate which was planted in the year 2000 at 2300 feet above sea level. The heavily fractured Vaqueros Sandstone soils and mountain microclimate produce singular wines that demonstrate the power of the Santa Cruz Mountains appellation.



## **Tasting Notes**

Savory charcuterie, plum and black licorice, with firm tannins





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