



LEXINGTON

2021 Lexington Wine Co.

Merlot

Gist Ranch Estate

Vintage



Santa Cruz Mountain AVA



Elevation:
2300 feet



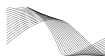
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Vaqueros sandstone

%

14.6% Alcohol



Composition:
82.9% Merlot

16.2% Cabernet Franc
0.9% Cabernet Sauvignon



242 Cases
Produced

Winegrower: Nathan Kandler
Vineyard Manager: Julio Deras

The 2021 vintage was a welcome change from the catastrophe of 2020, which saw devastating fires throughout the region. Harvest began for Pinot Noir in early September, an average historical starting date. Sugar and acidity levels tracked well, and while the crop size was shorter than we would prefer, we were able to harvest perfectly ripened fruit at a reasonable pace. The resulting wines have excellent balance and intensity. In comparison to our most recent vintages, there are some similarities to 2019 in that the wines possess great elegance and site specificity.

Vineyard

This Merlot was 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

With bright acidity, a focused profile, and notes of dark red fruit, cedar, spice, and sage, this wine stands out. In terms of texture, it drinks more towards a Cabernet Sauvignon rather than the softer Merlot commonly found in the marketplace.



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