



2014 Lexington Wine Co.

Gist Ranch Estate Apex | 94

The 2014 Apex Gist Ranch Estate is essentially the best four barrels of Cabernet Sauvignon off the property. Explosive, powerful and tannic the Apex hits all the right notes. Inky blue and purplish fruit, crème de cassis, menthol, lavender and sweet spices hit the palate in a sumptuous, structured Cabernet endowed with real pedigree and class. The 2014 Apex is the best wine I have tasted from Lexington yet.

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Gist Ranch Estate Cabernet Franc | 92

Lexington's 2014 Cabernet Franc Gist Ranch Estate is terrific. Varietal aromatics and a real sense of mountain structure underpin this super-expressive Cabernet Franc. Bright red stone fruit and exotic floral/spiced notes give the wine much of its immediacy and overall appeal. The 2014 offers lovely balance to match its gracious, mid-weight personality.

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Gist Ranch Estate Cabernet Sauvignon | 93

The 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon Gist Ranch Estate is powerful, deep and fleshy, yet also retains a distinctly savory, mountain character. Red and purplish stone fruit, lavender, mint and spice are all generous in the glass. This relatively soft, fruit-driven Cabernet will be ready to deliver quite a bit of pleasure upon release.

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Gist Ranch Estate Merlot | 92

The 2014 Merlot Gist Ranch Estate presents striking depth, texture and intensity, with plenty of mountain structure to back things up. As is often the case, the Lexington Merlot is really a wine of place, in other words, of the mountains, rather than what might be called a more truly varietal expression of the grape. Beams of tannin and acidity give the wine much of its distinctive personality. There is plenty to like, that much is clear.