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2011 Lexington Wine Co. Gist Ranch Estate Apex | 92

Lexington's flagship 2011 Apex Gist Ranch Estate is super-exotic and racy to the core. Black cherry, plum, leather, menthol and violets burst from the glass in a powerful, vibrant wine bursting at the seams with personality. The 2011 impresses for its depth and overall complexity. There is a lot to look forward to here.

2011 Lexington Wine Co. Gist Ranch Estate Cabernet Sauvignon | 90

The 2011 Cabernet Sauvignon Gist Ranch Estate is the most complete of the three single variety wines in the range. Firm tannins lend support in a beautifully textured, inviting red. Hints of lavender, violets, cloves, new leather and menthol add the final layers of nuance on the deep, dense finish.

2011 Lexington Wine Co. Gist Ranch Estate Merlot | 89

A blast of dark red fruit, savory herbs, anise, leather and dried flowers hits the palate in the 2011 Merlot Gist Ranch Estate. There is a lot to admire in the wine's pure intensity and overall balance. This is another solid showing from Lexington Wine Co.

2011 Lexington Wine Co. Gist Ranch Estate Cabernet Franc | 89

The 2011 Cabernet Franc Gist Ranch Estate shows gorgeous purity in its fruit, even if it isn't especially varietal. Dark red berries, flowers, sweet spices and mint are all laced together in a silky, gracious wine. A hint of rose petals adds complexity on the finish.