

GAINNEY

VINEYARD

2019 LIMITED SELECTION CABERNET FRANC

BACKGROUND

Committed to exploring the diversity of Santa Ynez Valley's two distinctly different microclimates, the Gainey family was the first to own properties in both the cool, western end of the valley, Sta. Rita Hills, where the focus is on Burgundian varieties, and the warm, eastern end of the Santa Ynez Valley, where the grapes for this wine were grown. Gainey Vineyard is committed to farming in a safe and sustainable way — a way that protects our employees benefits the environment and produces fine wines.

WINE NOTES

Gainey Vineyard has long cultivated Cabernet Franc, one of the five classic red Bordeaux varieties (the others are Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Malbec and Petit Verdot), at our Home Ranch in eastern Santa Ynez Valley. Although it traditionally has been used as a blending grape in Bordeaux, Cabernet Franc also makes fine varietal wines in France's Loire Valley and here in California, where it is grown sparingly. Because it is enhanced by its fellow red Bordeaux varieties, which enrich its texture and flavors, we typically blend our Cabernet Franc with one or more of them – usually Cabernet Sauvignon & Merlot – to round out the wine's complex, delicious flavors. It has become a Wine Club Members' favorite!

The nose of our Cabernet Franc offers delightfully fresh, layered aromas of black raspberry and blackberry fruit augmented by subtle tobacco leaf and dried herb scents. On the supple, medium-bodied palate, the wine's juicy raspberry and blackberry flavors are married with savory toasted herb and briary spice flavors that culminate in a sumptuous, perfectly balanced finish. Aged over a year in French oak, this distinctive red wine drinks beautifully for 3-4 years from the vintage date, especially with roasted poultry, game, pork and duck dishes.

HARVEST DATES: October 16th through October 18th, 2019

COMPOSITION: 100% Gainey Home Ranch: 86% Cabernet Franc, 14% Cabernet Sauvignon

FERMENTATION: 14 months in 18% new French oak
Small open-top tanks with daily punchdowns; 12-day maceration

BOTTLED: January 15th, 2021

ALC: 14.1%

TA: 0.58 g/100ml

PH: 3.49

