

GAINNEY

VINEYARD

2019 LIMITED SELECTION MERLOT

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.

The Santa Ynez Valley AVA is known for its warm days and calm winds. Flanked by the Santa Ynez Mountains, the only range on the Pacific Coast that runs east-west, the valley is marked by cool ocean breezes that flow inland. Gainey first planted grapes on its Home Ranch in 1984, in the warmer, eastern section, which has gained acclaim as a region for growing Bordeaux varieties.

WINE NOTES

Our *Limited Selection Merlot*, crafted entirely from grapes we grow on our Home Ranch in eastern Santa Ynez Valley, delivers classic Merlot characteristics with complex aromas of ripe black cherry, dark plum and boysenberry fruit complemented by seductive mocha, vanilla, black tea and earth scents.

Big, rich and concentrated on the palate, with supple, well-integrated tannins, the wine's mouthfilling black cherry, dark berry, black plum and blackcurrant flavors segue into a long, savory finish featuring rich chocolate and zesty spice tones. Delicious now with grilled red meats and sausages, cherry-glazed roast duck or pork tenderloin, and hearty, tomato-based pastas, this luxurious Merlot will profit from another 3-5 years of bottle age, from the date it was bottled.

HARVEST DATES: October 9th – October 26th, 2019

COMPOSITION: 100% Gainey Home Ranch: 78% Merlot, 22% Cabernet Sauvignon

FERMENTATION: Small open-top tanks with daily punch downs; 12-day maceration
15 months in 35% new French oak

BOTTLED: April 1st, 2021

ALC: 14.1%

TA: 0.59 g/100ml

PH: 3.49

