Gainey Estate Merlot

The Facts

COUNTRY: USA - CA
REGION: Santa Barbara County
APPELLATION: Santa Ynez Valley
CEPAGE: 97% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc
WINEMAKING: Open Top Fermented , pressed and aged 12 months in 27% new French oak, 76% neutral oak
ALCOHOL BY VOLUME: 14.2%
AGING: 12 months in 27% new oak, 76% neutral oak
ANNUAL PRODUCTION: 1700 cases

The Story

Gainey Vineyard is the culmination of a family heritage that runs deep in the Santa Barbara wine country. Gainey's story in the Santa Ynez Valley begins more than 60 years ago when the Gainey family, acquired 1,800 acres of undeveloped land. In 1984, vines were planted and Gainey Vineyard was born. We now have over 60 acres of vineyard at the "Home Ranch" and have since acquired two additional estate vineyards of 100 acres in the Santa Rita Hills.

We are proudly one of the founding families in the valley and are still 100% family owned and operated for 4 generations.
PHILOSOPHY: "Winemaking is first & foremost an artistic pursuit. A creative process sharped by intuition, sensitivity, & a deep connection to the vineyard." - Jeff Lebard

The Adjectives

OVERALL: ripe flavors with an elegant and polished structure
AROMAS / FLAVORS: dark plum, black berry, flower, baking spice
MOUTHFEEL: rich and silky yeilding to a long satiating finish

The Selling Points

100% Estate merlot at an advantageous price point
AWARDS: 90pts Wine Enthusiast
SUSTAINABILITY: Sustainable In Practice
PAIRINGS: from a charcuterie board to a ribeye, this merlot is the perfect red wine

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