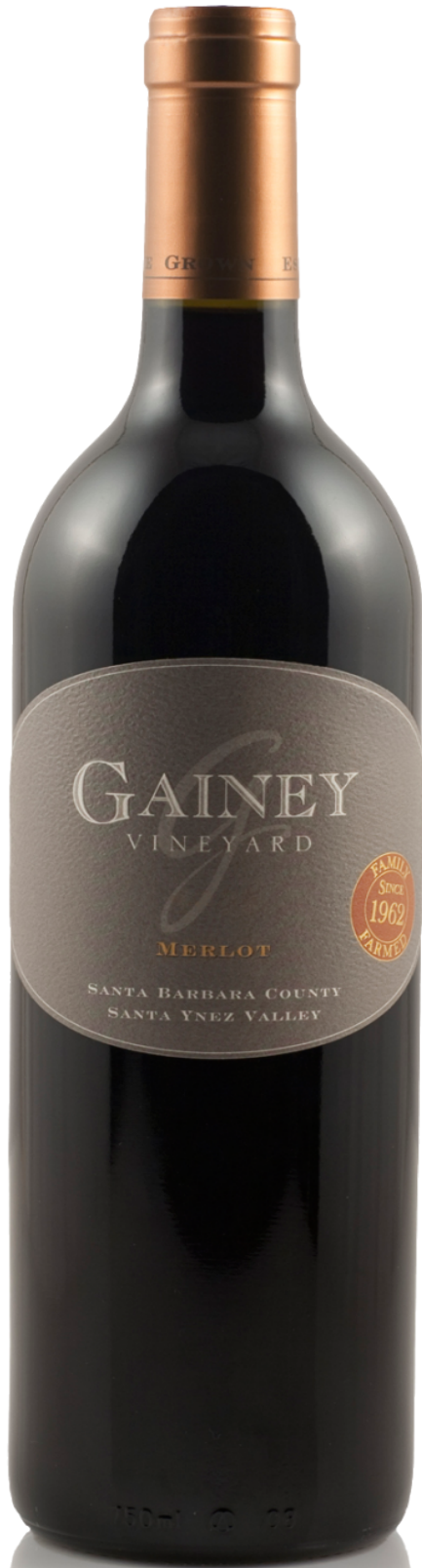


GAINNEY

VINEYARD



2018 GAINNEY ESTATE MERLOT

WINE NOTES

Produced entirely from grapes we cultivate at our Home Ranch in eastern Santa Ynez Valley, our Estate Grown Merlot is a sumptuous red wine boasting fragrant black cherry and dark plum aromas mingled with appealing vanilla, milk chocolate and light herbal scents. Juicy and succulent on the palate, the wine's concentrated dark cherry, plum and cassis flavors gain a zesty tea-leaf spice tone in the long, savory finish. Beautifully balanced, with supple tannins, our Merlot is delicious on release with poultry, duck, game and beef dishes, but it handsomely rewards an additional 3-4 years of bottle aging.

HARVEST DATES:	October 22nd – November 2nd, 2018
COMPOSITION:	100% Gainney Home Ranch: 97% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc
FERMENTATION:	Small open-top tanks with daily punch downs; 14-day maceration
BARREL AGING:	12 months in 27% new French oak
BOTTLED:	April 2nd, 2020
ALC:	14.2%
TA:	0.61 g/100 ml
PH:	3.46