

# GAINNEY

ESTATE VINEYARDS



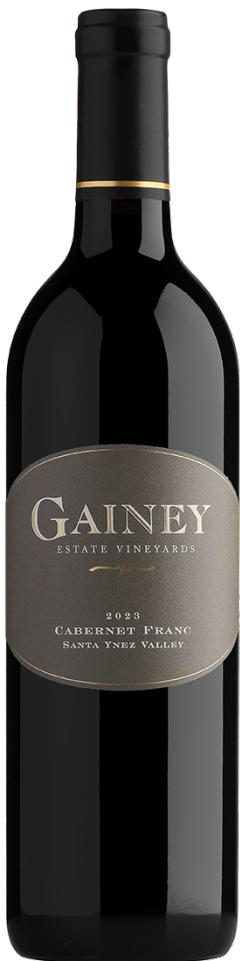
## 2023 ESTATE CABERNET FRANC

*Santa Ynez Valley*

Our story in the Santa Ynez Valley begins more than 60 years ago when the Gainey Family acquired 1,800 acres of undeveloped land. Here, on what we call the *Home Ranch*, they ran cattle and horses while growing 600 acres of fruit, vegetables, flowers and hay. In 1984, after years of travel and appreciation of European wines, the family saw a similar potential in Santa Barbara County as a world-class growing region and developed fifty acres of vineyards and the *Gainey Estate Vineyards* were born.

Cabernet Franc has long been an important part of the Gainey story and is now one of our most popular wines. Here in the eastern Santa Ynez Valley, Cabernet Franc has quickly found a sweet spot becoming one of this region's most successful red grapes. We attribute its success to our oceanic climate, where warm sunny days meet very cold nights, and our nutrient deficient rocky soils like serpentine, shale and gravel mixed with clay. Our Cabernet Francs are expressive wines showcasing the very beguiling qualities of this unique grape. The emphasis is always on a core of black brambly fruits with a curious mix of earthy elements like graphite, dried herbs, purple flowers, tobacco and Asian spice, weaving together into a fascinating, harmonious wine.

We approach the winemaking similarly to our top Cabernet Sauvignons but prefer mostly older barrels and a shorter length of time in wood, allowing for the more charming, greener characteristics of the grape to shine through.



<i>Harvest Dates</i>	<i>September 30 – October 10</i>
<i>Composition</i>	<i>100% Cabernet Franc</i>
<i>Winemaking</i>	<i>Open-top Fermented, Pressed and aged 10 months in 20% new French oak, 78% neutral oak</i>
<i>Alcohol</i>	<i>pH 14.2%, TA 6.2 grams/liter, 3.55 pH</i>
<i>Retail</i>	<i>\$32 per bottle</i>

### Tasting Notes

*Dark purple hue bursting with bright aromas of blue and black brambly fruits mixed with earthy notes of dried herbs, tobacco, graphite and leaf litter. Sublime on the palate with terrific flavor and complexity leading to a long, delicious finish. Enjoy with any grilled meats and roasted vegetables. Drink now – 2032+. 220 cases*

*Farming since 1962. Winemaking since 1984.*

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