

2010 Hunter

(Texas High Plains AVA) 540 cases produced:

Hunter Family Vineyards Brownfield, TX (leased and managed by Bill and Chris: 54% Merlot, 28 % Cabernet Sauvignon

Bingham Family Vineyards Owned and managed by Cliff and Betty and there 11 Children: 10 % Cabernet Franc

Lost Draw Vineyards owned and managed by Andy and Lauren Timmons: 4% Tempranillo, 4% Mourvedre

Alcohol % 13 pH 3.9 TA 5.9 Oak-45 % American Oak, 35% French Oak, 30% Eastern European Oak for 11 months

We are pleased to re-release this wine which has picked up several medals in our last competitions. Most notably a Silver at the Finger Lakes International Wine Competition. We have been filling orders quickly and decided to save the last for our Hye Society. This Bordeaux blend from the Hunter Vineyard will draw you in with soft hints of clover and lavender, charm you with a palate of raspberry and black cherry pie, finishing with wisps of anise and smoke. This wine is mostly from the Hunter Family Vineyard in Brownfield, TX is also includes Cabernet Franc from the Bingham Family northwest of Brownfield. The Hunter is filled with family tradition encompassing Cabernet Sauvignon vines planted in 1986 and Merlot vines planted in 1991 by our very own Bill Blackmon with the Hunter Family. Enjoy now or watch it improve over the next 2-3 years. Best served at 64 degrees F. This wine is very versatile pairing however shows especially well with most poultry and grilled vegetables.

The **Texas High Plains** is the second largest AVA in Texas, comprising roughly 8 million acres in west Texas, mostly south of the Panhandle region. As the name indicates, this AVA lies within the High Plains sub region of the Great Plains in the central United States. The eastern border of the Texas High Plains AVA follows the 3,000 ft elevation contour line along the Caprock Escarpment, the steep transitional zone separating the High Plains from the lower plains to the east. Elevation within the Texas High Plains gradually increases from 3,000 ft (914 m) at the edge of the Caprock Escarpment to about 4,100 ft (1260 m) in the northwest portion of the AVA. Grapes and wine have been produced in this region since the mid-1970's and vineyards here have become a major grape supplier to wineries throughout the state.

