

2011 500 Block Merlot

100% Merlot, 100% Granite Hill Vineyards

Aged 16 months 85% eastern European barrels, first and second year barrels .
10 % second year French oak. 5% New American Minnesota Oak.

Alcohol 13.42% , RS 0, Malic Acid 0.01, TA 6.6 , pH 3.67

The 2012 growing season was very dry and produced fruit that developed into one of the best vintages Texas has seen. This wine is from Granite Hill Vineyards in Willow City Texas. It is grown on the highest point in the vineyard, giving great air drainage and the ability to control water demands of the vine. The production was 2.5 ton per acre and harvested at 24 brix.

Open this wine and let sit for a few minutes. The black fruit, mulberry, blue berries, is hidden under the minerality of decomposed granite that the vineyard is planted on. Red clay and iron ore speaks through with a note of tar on the nose. The drought produced this wine with an unusually intensity coming from the soil. The finish is soft with a velvet texture on the mouth. Drink now to enjoy what this incredible wine has to offer now, but the real deal will be in 3 to 5 years .