William Chris
VINEYARDS

Focused on Texas grown wines made in an Old World style with low-intervention winemaking. Since 2008, founders William "Bill" Blackmon and Chris Brundrett have sourced grapes from Estate vineyards and partners alike, prizing sustainable practices and the expression of Texan terroir.

2015 MERLOT Granite Hill Vineyard

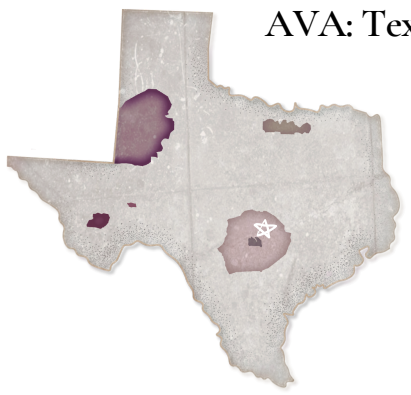
Granite Hill Vineyard grapes have traditionally gone into our flagship wine Enchanté, but for the first time our winegrowers decided to set aside just four barrels of the most exceptional fruit from the vintage: Merlot. We hope that you will be as blown away by the quality, flavors, and elegance of this wine as we were so many years ago.

VARIETIES: 100% Merlot



Vineyard: Granite Hill Vineyard

AVA: Texas Hill Country



Bell Mountain was the first Texas-contained American Viticultural Area in the state, established in 1986. Ten years later, the 30 acres of Granite Hill Vineyards was planted, making up over one fifth of the acres planted at the semi-high altitude in the region. The grape varieties planted there are the hardy varieties that grow in coastal Bordeaux, and white Trebbiano.

2015 VINTAGE: Quantity and quality triumphed after an early season hail and wet late spring, followed by a hot and dry summer. Despite early weather issues , 2015 was a much needed windfall.

TASTING NOTES

A gorgeous deep crimson - blackberry, clove and cedar notes appear on the nose. An iron minerality shows throughout the wine, which is typical for the vineyard. Dark fruits elevate the dry, dusty tannins that envelope the palate, and the wine ends with a smooth, sumptuous finish.

FOOD PAIRING



Pair to decandent dishes like beef Bourguignon, roasted duck, and gorgonzola cheese.

WINEMAKING: Fermented in French oak barrels.

Aged for 22 months in 20% new French oak barrels and 80% neutral French oak barrels.

AGE OF VINES: 19 years

Serve at 60°F | Decant gently

SOIL TYPE: Decomposed granite over sandstone, middle hickory, and iron rich

Drink now to 2026

ELEVATION: 1,650 - 1,950 ft

ABV: 13.5% | TA: 6.70 g/L | pH: 3.65 | RS: 0.00 g/L

CASES PRODUCED: 94

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