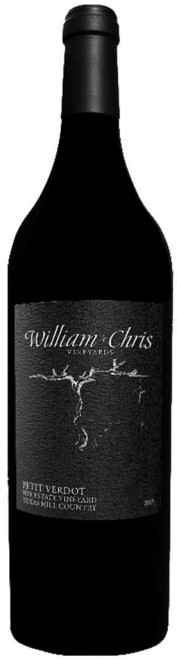
William Chris
VINEYARDS

2015 PETIT VERDOT

HYE ESTATE VINEYARD
TEXAS HILL COUNTRY



100% Petit Verdot | Texas Hill Country AVA | Blanco County | Hye, Texas

Alcohol: 13.9% | pH: 3.74
TA: 6.7 g/L | RS: 0.0 g/L
Malic Acid: 0 g/L

Soil: Riverbed, limestone, rich in nitrogen
Aging: 100% neutral oak for 24 months
Bottled: November 2017
Cases produced: 170

Well known in the Rhône Valley, Petit Verdot has smaller-sized green grape clusters that eventually ripen to red but later than most varietals. Due to the extended growing time, the grape has lost popularity in France. In Texas, the warmer climate speeds up the process. The grapes are sweeter with a better depth of flavor and color and work well when blended or bottled as a single varietal.

Hye Estate Vineyard resides on the winery property and Bill Blackmon keeps a close eye on the 6.5 acres we have here. Petit Verdot makes up about one acre of the estate vineyard. Originally planted with the intent of using these grapes for blending in our signature Enchanté, the Pedernales River basin which makes up the soil at Hye Estate proved to produce grapes that represented the unique terroir but overpowered the Granite Hill fruit from Willow City. With this knowledge in mind, the team created a single vineyard, single varietal wine. And though we continue to use the Petit Verdot fruit from Hye Estate for blending in other wines, the Hye Estate Petit Verdot will continue to be part of the William Chris portfolio going forward. 2015 proved to be a remarkable year for Texas grapes and the Petit Verdot fruit from Hye Estate was no different. This is a sumptuous wine for now and will age well into the future.

Drink now through 2030.

Foie Gras | Duck Confit | Fatty Fish | Gnocchi with Tomato Cream Sauce | Prime Rib | Aged Gouda

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