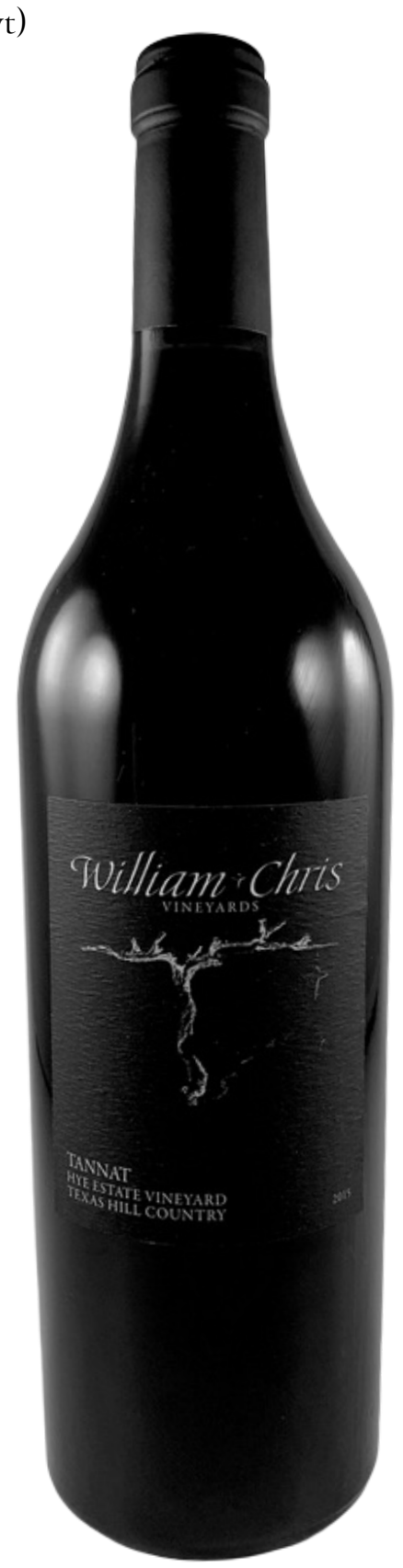
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VINEYARDS

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 TANNAT Hye Estate Vineyard

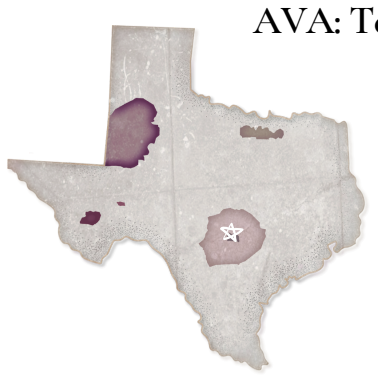
Known in countries such as France and Uruguay for its exceptionally tannic structure, Tannat (TUH-nawt) is proving to be a defining red grape variety across the state of Texas. Deep in color, rich in flavor, and powerful, our own Estate provides a unique set of conditions that yield a Tannat that tastes like no other.

VARIETIES: 100% Tannat



Vineyard: Hye Estate Vineyard

AVA: Texas Hill Country



Hye Estate is home to 20 acres of tasting rooms, production facilities, an old farmhouse, and about 6.5 total acres of grapevines. Planted in 2012, just under 2 acres of Tannat vines are rooted in nitrogen-rich soil previously at the bottom of a riverbed. That, combined with a limestone base, has made for powerful grapes with incredible aromatics. Because of its success here, and in humid conditions, more Tannat vines are being planted this year.

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

(2023) Amazingly deep in color, and with a fresh and dried fruit nose to match, this wine is prime for holiday enjoyment. Strong notes of brewed espresso, cereal, toast, and smoke compliment black cherry pit and stewed black plums. Silky tannins melt away on a just full-bodied palate.

FOOD PAIRING



Pair to rich and fatty dishes such as flame-grilled ribeye and veggies, or grain dishes with earthy tones.

WINEMAKING: Fermented in stainless steel tanks.

Aged in 100% neutral oak for 25 months.

AGE OF VINES: 3 years

Serve at 59°F | Decant

SOIL TYPE: Riverbed over limestone

Drink now to 2025

ELEVATION: 1,450 ft

ABV: 12.8% | pH: 3.62 | TA: 7.40 g/L | RS: 0.0 g./L

CASES PRODUCED: 246

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