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.

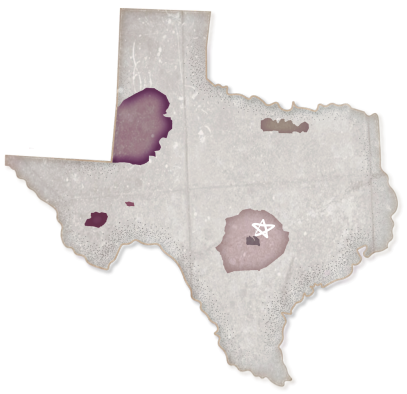
2016 TANNAT Hye Estate Vineyard

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.

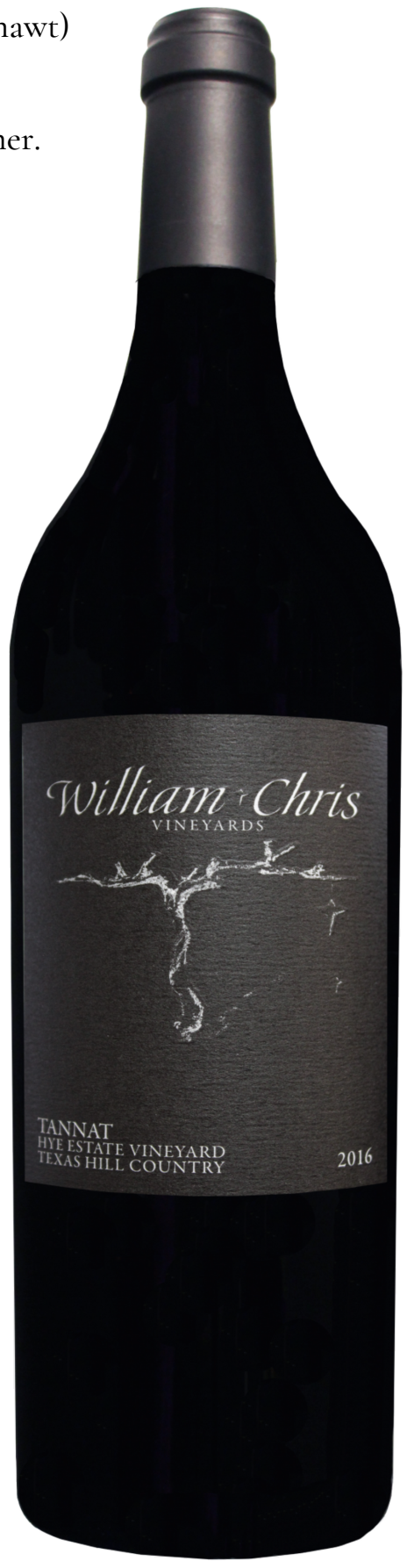
VARIETIES: 100% Tannat

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 and 2015, just under 2 acres of Tannat vines are rooted in nitrogen-rich soil previously under riverbed. That combined with a limestone base has made for a powerful grape with incredible aromatic potential. Because of it's success in humid conditions, Tannat will continue to be planted there.



2016 VINTAGE: An uncommonly high amount of rainfall made this a tough vintage for our vineyard and winery teams. This is the kind of vintage that showcases the talent and resilience of our teams.

TASTING NOTES

Dry, with high tannins, acidity, and notes that showcase minerality.

FOOD PAIRING



The deep, dark tones of this wine, alongside its structured nature, make it a match to gamey meats.

WINEMAKING: Aged for 25 months in 100% neutral oak barrels.

HARVEST: Hand-harvested

AGE OF VINES: 4 years

SOIL TYPE: Riverbed over limestone

ELEVATION: 1,450 ft

ABV: 13.9% | pH: 3.77 | TA: 7.1 g/L | RS: 0.0 g/L

Serve at 59 °F | Decant

Drink now to 2028

CASES PRODUCED: 288

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