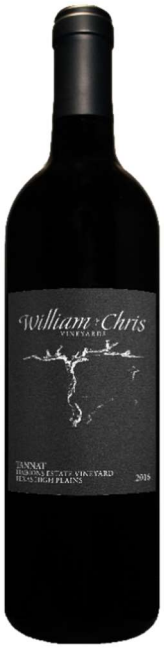
William Chris
VINEYARDS

2016 TANNAT

TIMMONS ESTATE VINEYARD
TEXAS HIGH PLAINS AVA



100% Tannat | Texas High Plains AVA | Timmons Estate Vineyard

Alcohol: 13.1% | pH: 3.65
TA: 6.7 g/L | RS: 0.0 g/L
Malic Acid: 0.0

Soil: Amarillo fine, sandy loam with a high content of organic matter
Aging: 100% neutral oak, aged 20 months
Bottled: May 2018
Cases produced: 563
Drinkability: now through 2028

For longtime wine club members, the story of the partnership between Andy Timmons and William Chris Vineyards is a familiar one. What first secured the relationship was Andy's dedication to farming Texas grown grapes and the quality of his fruit, but over the years his innovative style has simply added layers to an already solid collaborative foundation.

Timmons Estate, a pocket vineyard located west of Lubbock near Whiteface, Texas, is the third vineyard of Andy's from which we receive fruit. This Tannat marks the third single vineyard, single varietal Tannat that we make. Much like Mourvèdre, William Chris believes that Tannat has a bright future in Texas because of its compatibility with the Texas terroir and the remarkable results we have achieved from other vintages.

The story behind this vineyard is a simple one. Andy couldn't get enough of the beauty and peace of the vineyards at Lost Draw, so he decided to plant vines at his house where he could watch the sun rise and set over the plants from the comfort of his home. Perched at an elevation of 3,600 feet in the High Plains, this vineyard experiences cooler temperatures at night and a little more rainfall creating a tiny microclimate all its own which gives unique characteristics to the fruit. Thus, the Tannat from Timmons Estate smells of dark berry aromatics and presents with softer tannins than other Tannats grown in Texas.

Although the Texas High Plains experienced some late rain close to harvest season in 2016, the Tannat grown at Timmons Estate was not impacted. Once again, the partnership between William Chris and Andy Timmons delivers.

Cassoulet | Duck Confit | Barbecue Beef Ribs | Wild Boar | Fattier Cuts of Meat | Blue Cheese

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