William Chris
VINEYARDS

2017 Mourvèdre
TIMMONS ESTATE VINEYARD
TEXAS High plains AVA



100% Mourvèdre | Texas High Plains | Timmons Estate Vineyard

VINEYARD
Timmons Estate, a pocket vineyard located west of Lubbock near Whiteface, Texas, is the third vineyard of Andy Timmons from which we receive fruit (Lost Draw and La Pradera being the others). 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. The soil is Amarillo fine sandy loam with a high content of organic matter.

VINTAGE
The 2017 vintage will probably go down as the best vintage of the decade. Plenty of dry, warm, sunny days and cool nights resulted in a textbook perfect growing season.

WINEMAKING
Inspired by a recent visit to Spain, the winemaking team wanted to make a "Roble" [pronounced *ROE-blay*] style wine. Translated literally as "oak," this term is used widely in Spain to describe young, fresh, and fruity wine that has spent only a short time in oak. That short time in oak imparts a bit of added weight, spice, and complexity, but much less than the typical oak aging regiment most of our red wines see. This particular wine was fermented in a second-use, large oak fermenter. After pressing and racking, the wine was returned to the same vessel for a short 8-month maturation before bottling.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION
Alcohol: 13.6% | pH: 3.7 | TA: 6.2 g/L | RS: 0 g/L | Production: 971 Cases

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