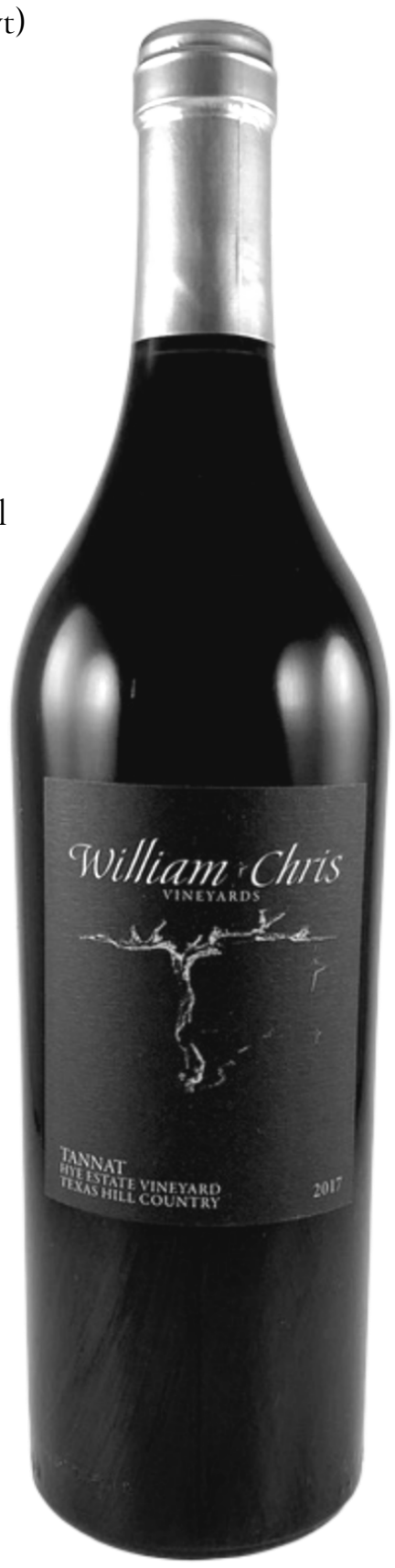
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VINEYARDS

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.

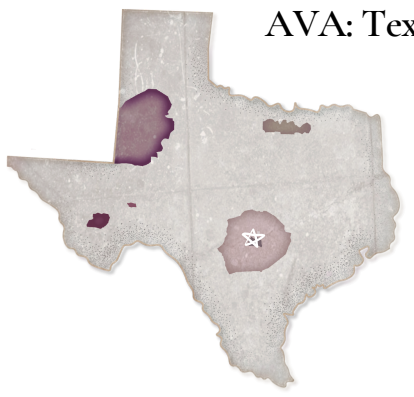
2017 TANNAT Hye Estate Vineyard

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 about 6.5 total acres of grapevines. Planted in 2012 and again in 2015, 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.

2017 VINTAGE: This 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.

TASTING NOTES

Powerful and ageworthy, deeply colored, highly tannic, and marked with refreshing acidity that amplifies flavor. Notes of baking spice, leather, black cherry, plum, date, dried blueberry, and wild strawberry. Dry and full-bodied.

FOOD PAIRING



Pair with smoked meats and spicy sausages, as well as strong blue-veined cheese such as Stilton.

WINEMAKING: Fermented in large oak fermenter.

Aged for 26 months in 5% new French oak barrels and 95% neutral barrels.

AGE OF VINES: 5 years

Serve at 60°F | Decant

SOIL TYPE: Riverbed over limestone

Drink now to 2027

ELEVATION: 1,450 ft

ABV: 13.2% | pH: 3.78 | TA: 6.2 g/L | RS: 0.0 g/L

CASES PRODUCED: 454

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