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.

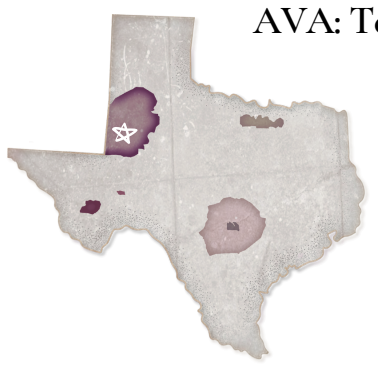
2017 TOURIGA NACIONAL Phillips Vineyard

Touriga Nacional is a grape that you may not have heard of, though it is considered by many as Portugal's finest black grape variety, commonly used in the making of Port. We have been working with Texas Touriga Nacional since 2015 as we pushed ourselves out of the comfort zone, experimenting with grapes of great depth and structure.

VARIETIES: 100% Touriga Nacional



Vineyard: Phillips Vineyard



AVA: Texas High Plains

This 20-acre plot in Terry County was planted in 2015 by Tony and Madonna Phillips, who were 3rd generation cotton farmers before expanding to wine grapes. The Phillips' growing philosophy includes touching every grape to learn from thriving vines on their carefully selected spot on top of the hill. We've worked with both their Sangiovese and Touriga Nacional varieties.

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

Rich and creamy, with a soft, fruity finish. Decadent notes of violets, bergamot, rose, plum, and baking spices are well integrated with the supple tannin structure. Very pleasant to drink now, but will continue to integrate and express the softer side of itself in the next 5 years.

FOOD PAIRING



Beef tenderloin with blue cheese mashed potatoes, Gruyère cheese, lamb and dried apricot stew.

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

HARVEST METHOD: Machine-harvested

AGE OF VINES: 2 years

SOIL TYPE: Amarillo fine sandy loam over caliche

ELEVATION: 3,350 ft

ABV: 13.2% | pH: 3.88 | TA 6.7 g/L | RS: 0.0 g/L

Serve at 60 °F | Decant

Drink now to 2027

CASES PRODUCED: 194

BOTTLING DATE: 09/2019

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