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.

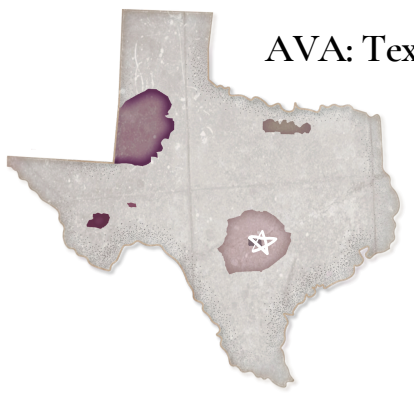
2018 MALBEC Hye Estate Vineyard

Thin-skinned yet inky in color, Malbec is a black grape variety that rewards its growers with rich, wild aromas. Whilst insisting on growing in a climate that is quite warm to ripen fully, the grape is also susceptible to the many challenges of growing in Texas. Select sites and responsible growers coax elegant Malbec out of Texas.

VARIETIES: 100% Malbec



VINEYARD: Hye Estate Vineyard



AVA: Texas Hill Country **COUNTY: Blanco**

Hye Estate was planted in 2012 on seven of the 20 acres of William Chris Vineyards in the city of Hye. Previously home to a family with a generous turkey population, the land is now a uniquely nitrogen-rich, clay dried river basin over limestone bedrock. Hye Estate has been home to Malbec, Mourvedre, and Petit Verdot, but was planted entirely to Tannat in 2021.

2018 VINTAGE: For the second year in a row the growing season in the Texas High Plains was marked by hot temperatures and very little rainfall, making for a great overall vintage!

TASTING NOTES

The aroma leads with black fruit and a hint of leather, evoking a woodsy scene complimented by subtle baking spices. Soft violet keeps the wine pretty as the fruit becomes more dried and concentrated with age. Nicely silky medium tannins and a tart kiss beg for food. - March 2025

FOOD PAIRING



Pair with braised meats, game, and nutty hard cheeses with 6-12 months age.

WINEMAKING: Fermented in stainless steel tanks for 8 days.

Aged in 30% new French oak barrels and 70% neutral oak barrels for 18 months.

AGE OF VINES: 6 years

Serve at 60°F | Decant

SOIL TYPE: Riverbed, limestone and rich in nitrogen

Drink now to 2026

ELEVATION: 1,450 feet

ABV: 13.1 % | pH: 3.76 | TA: 5.80 g/L | RS: 0.39 g/L

CASES PRODUCED: 98

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