



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 MERLOT '500 Block' Granite Hill Vineyard

Since 2011, the 500th block of the Merlot planted at Granite Hill Vineyards was bottled apart from the rest of the fruit at that site. The most intense, lowest yielding fruit from that plot within Bell Mountain AVA, the '500 Block' of Merlot has produced an exceptional wine that is proof of the stunning terroir variation within Texas.

VARIETIES: 100% Merlot

VINEYARD: Granite Hill Vineyard



AVA: Bell Mountain

Granite Hill Vineyards was the first vineyard that William "Bill" Blackmon planted in what is currently known as the Texas Hill Country AVA. The sub-AVA of Bell Mountain was the first all-Texas American Viticultural Area, and in 1996 "Bill" Blackmon planted his 30 acres to just four grape varieties on the sloped granitic soils.

2018 VINTAGE: A warm year where the grapes ripened quite early resulting in a mid-July start to harvest in the Hill Country. Despite this the grapes still came in with great balance of acidity.

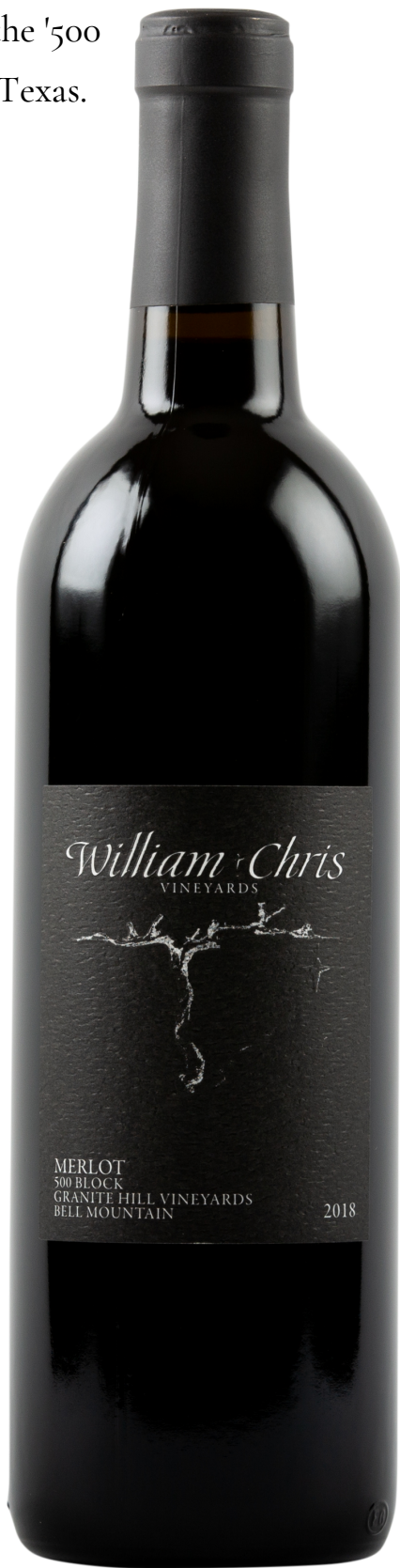
TASTING NOTES

Red plum and smoke, anise and allspice, with still fresh basil and sweet garden herbs leading to a dry, yet velvety palate. Intricate.

FOOD PAIRING



Perfect pairing: Such a highly expressive wine wants to unfold next to a slow cooked Peking Duck.



WINEMAKING: Fermented for 5 days in large oak fermenters.

Aged for 26 months in French oak barriques.

HARVEST DATE: 07/29/18

Serve at 59° - Decant

AGE OF VINES: 22 years MERLOT CLONE: 3

Drink now to 2028

SOIL TYPE: Decomposed granite over sandstone, called Middle Hickory

ALTITUDE: 1,650 - 1,950 ft

CASES PRODUCED: 197

ABV: 12.2% | pH: 3.57 | TA: 6.8 g/L | RS: 0.0 g/L

BOTTLING DATE: 10/19/20



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100% Texas grown wines.