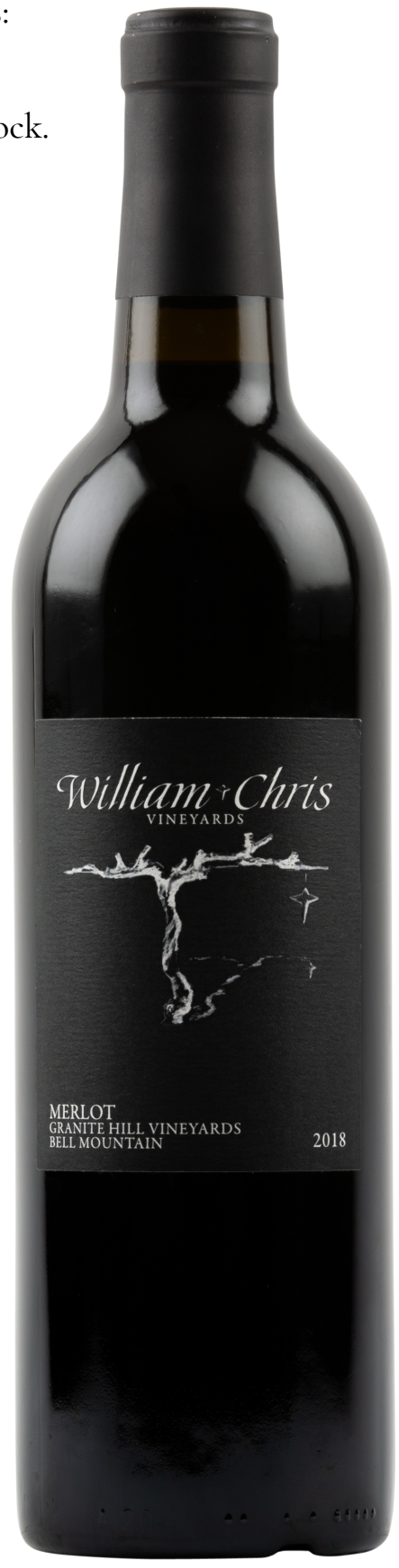
William Chris
VINEYARDS

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 MERLOT Granite Hill Vineyards

From a vineyard planted by our very own William "Bill" Blackmon in 1996 to grape varieties that he loves: Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec, and, of course, Merlot. While the grapes from this vineyard have made our flagship wine Enchanté every year, each have enough character to bottle separately, and even block by block.

VARIETIES: 100% Merlot



VINEYARD: Granite Hill Vineyards



AVA: Bell Mountain (within the larger Texas Hill Country AVA)

Bell Mountain was the first Texas-contained American Viticultural Area in the state, established in 1986. Ten years later, the 30 acres of Granite Hill Vineyards was planted, making up over one fifth of the acres planted at the semi-high altitude in the region. The grape varieties planted there are the hardy varieties that grow in coastal Bordeaux, and white Trebbiano.

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 acidity.

TASTING NOTES

Violet and delicate earth perfume out followed by nutty mocha, dark plum, rosemary, and stone. A velvety, medium-bodied palate with a lengthy and rich finish.

FOOD PAIRING



Duck with plum sauce with trumpet mushroom medley.

WINEMAKING: Fermented in inert vessel for 5 days.

Aged for 27 months in neutral oak barrels.

AGE OF VINES: 22 years

Serve at 59° | Decant

ALTITUDE: 1,650 - 1,950 ft

Drink now to 2026

SOIL TYPE: Decomposed granite over sandstone, middle hickory, and iron rich

CASES PRODUCED: 77

ABV: 13.2% | pH: 3.7 | RS: 0.0 g/L | TA: 6.5 g/L

BOTTLING DATE: 10/19/2020

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