William Chris
VINEYARDS

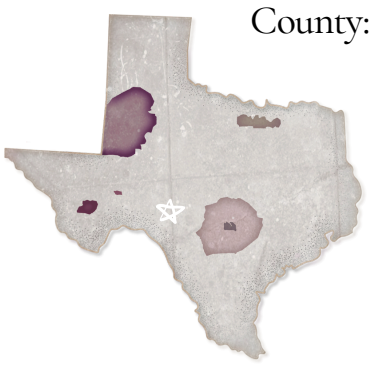
Focused on Texas grown wines made in an Old World style with low-intervention winemaking. Since 2008, founders William "Bill" Blackmon and Chris Brundrett have sourced grapes from Estate vineyards and partners alike, prizing sustainable practices and the expression of Texan terroir.

2018 SYRAH High Cross Vineyard

Since 2012 William Chris Vineyards has made a Syrah from High Cross Vineyard, and it has never disappointed. While there are two major styles of Syrah/Shiraz of the world, ours is decidedly in the style of the Northern Rhône, which classically yields restrained, peppery Syrah wines that benefit from bottle aging.

VARIETIES: 100% Syrah

Vineyard: High Cross Vineyard



County: Sutton County

After leaving the newspaper business, Erika and Cam Campbell planted their 17 acres of vines in the low desert just outside of the city called Sonora. When the Syrah from "Bill's Block" became available in this middle-of-nowhere vineyard, it was the quality that blew us away! This land of cool nights, low rainfall, hot days, and the unique soil creates the perfect balance of acid and tannins.

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

TASTING NOTES

Concentrated red and black cherry, berries and coffee-chocolate, and sweet herbs mulled with green tobacco. Pepper notes peak through on the palate next to drying tannins that will soften over time in bottle. Dry, full-bodied, and rich.

FOOD PAIRING



Beef Wellington, Home-style Beef Stew, Bison Burger with Tomato Bacon Jam.



WINEMAKING: Fermented in neutral oak fermenter for 11 days.

Barrel aged in 60% 2nd use French oak puncheons for 16 months, and 40% neutral oak.

AGE OF VINES: 17 years

Serve at 60 °F | Decant

SOIL TYPE: Clay loam over fractured limestone

Drink now to 2030

ELEVATION: 1,900 to 2,300 feet

ABV: 14.4% | pH: 3.75 | TA: 7.10 g/L | RS: 0.00 g/L

CASES PRODUCED: 153

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