



*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.*

## 2019 SYRAH Alta Loma Vineyard

The versatile and heat-tolerant grape variety Syrah is notably made into two very different styles of wines around the world. Shiraz in Australia is rich, bold and fruity whilst Syrah from the Northern Rhône is lean, peppery and notoriously age-worthy. This Syrah from Alta Loma Vineyard is somewhere between the two - bold, with exotic spices!

VARIETIES: 77% Syrah, 23% Sangiovese

### Vineyard: Alta Loma Vineyard



AVA: Texas High Plains

Alta Loma Vineyard is a spectacular growing site in Terry County, owned and farmed by the Burran and Floyd families. Established in 2016 with fewer than 10 acres of Syrah and Sangiovese, they have since planted two more varieties that have proven sustainability in the region, including Mourvèdre. Their sandy loam soil is well-drained, suited to the hardy varieties they've selected to plant.

2019 VINTAGE: A rainy May/June and warm and dry summer led into a September heat spike that shut down grapes, resulting in the latest Texas harvest in 10 years.

#### TASTING NOTES

The aroma of the wine is brooding, with plum hugging closely to flint and tobacco notes. Warm toasted oak notes of coconut and vanilla waft through crushed herbs and cardamom notes. The palate is a juicy as biting into a red plum, with nice char and a full, warming body.

#### FOOD PAIRING



Perfectly set up for game meat, especially cocoa rubbed or with a preserved blackberry/balsamic note.



WINEMAKING: Fermented in stainless steel tanks for 25 days.

Aged in 25% new French oak barrels for 22 months.

AGE OF VINES: 3 years

Serve at 59°F | Decant

SOIL TYPE: Amarillo fine sandy loam

Drink now to 2035

ELEVATION: 3,200 ft

ABV: 14.5% | pH: 3.64 | TA: 7.2 g/L | RS: 0.0 g/L

CASES PRODUCED: 223



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