

# William Chris VINEYARDS

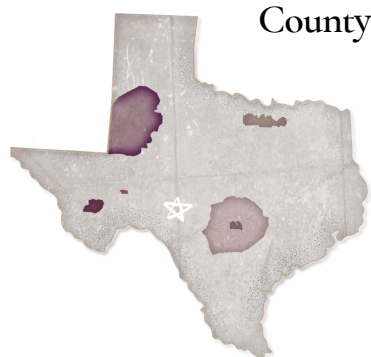
Focused on Texas grown wines made in an Old World style with low-intervention winemaking. Since 2008, founders William "Bill" Blackmon and Chris Brundrett have sourced grapes from Estate vineyards and partners alike, prizing sustainable practices and the expression of Texan terroir.

## 2020 SYRAH High Cross Vineyard

Using the traditional Northern Rhone technique of fermenting Syrah with Viognier for increased color extraction and aromatics, this Texan twist includes Tempranillo for a dry, spiced, and food-friendly style.

VARIETIES: 85% Syrah, 12% Tempranillo, 3% Viognier

### Vineyard: High Cross Vineyard



County: Sutton County

Dedicated grape-growers Erika and Cam Campbell farm their 17 acres of vines in the low desert just outside of the city called Sonora. These pioneers of growing grapes in this area have consistently provided quality Syrah and Tempranillo from High Cross Vineyard, and the cool nights matched with hot days and little rainfall give these grapes their very own taste of Texan terroir.

2020 VINTAGE: Low yields after a 2019 freeze resulted in highly concentrated, well-balanced fruit.

#### TASTING NOTES

Aromatic, floral and fruity with undertones of stewed blackberries, black pepper, black tea, and toast. Full-bodied and firm tannins that will hold this wine in tact over time.

#### FOOD PAIRING



Traditional pairings for this style of wine include duck confit, wild boar, and rabbit gnocchi.



WINEMAKING: Fermented in large oak fermenter.

Aged in 25% new French oak (from Allier), 75% neutral barrel for 20 months. 20% was aged on lees.

HARVEST: Machine-harvested

AGE OF VINES: 20 years

SOIL TYPE: Clay loam over fractured limestone

ELEVATION: 2,000 - 2,200 ft

ABV: 13.8% | TA: 6.6 g/L | pH: 3.91 | RS: 0.0 g/L

Serve at 59 °F - Decant

Drink now to 2034

CASES PRODUCED: 347

BOTTLING DATE: 06/01/2022



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100% Texas grown wines.