

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 TANNAT Hye Estate Vineyard

92
POINTS

Reviewed by Decanter in August 2024 and scored 92 points out of 100. Decanter reviews and scores are given by top beverage professionals, writers and judges around the world.

"The Hye Estate delivers a fatter wine with more density and creamy textures than the Vintage Press Vineyard Tannat... The 2020 offers bay leaf notes that lift from its ruby-coloured core, nuanced by spiced plums, milk chocolate, and saline minerality. Very fine tannins are crisp, and the finish is long and spicy." ~ Decanter Wine Review by Jonathan Cristaldi

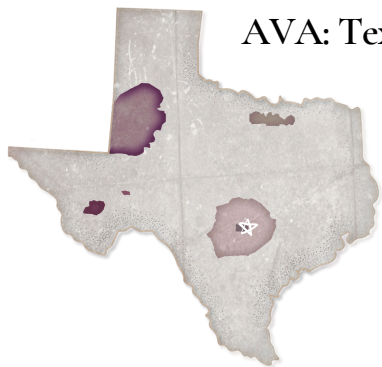


Great cheese, onion tart, smoked bavette, espresso-rubbed elk loin medallion.

The thick-skinned Tannat grape was originally planted in 2012 and again in 2015 at Hye Estate, and those Tannat blocks were named 'June' and 'Tess' after co-founder Chris Brundrett's young daughters. Today, all six blocks have been converted over to this hardy grape, a defining grape variety across Texas.

VARIETIES: 100% Tannat

Vineyard: Hye Estate Vineyard



AVA: Texas Hill Country

Hye Estate is home to about 6.5 total acres of grapevines. Planted in 2012 and again in 2015, just under 2 acres of Tannat vines are rooted in nitrogen-rich soil previously at the bottom of a riverbed. That, combined with a limestone base, has made for powerful grapes with incredible aromatics. Because of its success here, and in humid conditions, more Tannat vines are being planted this year.

2020 VINTAGE: Low yields after a 2019 freeze resulted in highly concentrated, well-balanced fruit that is packed with character.

WINEMAKING: Fermented in 50hl oak fermenter for 10 days.

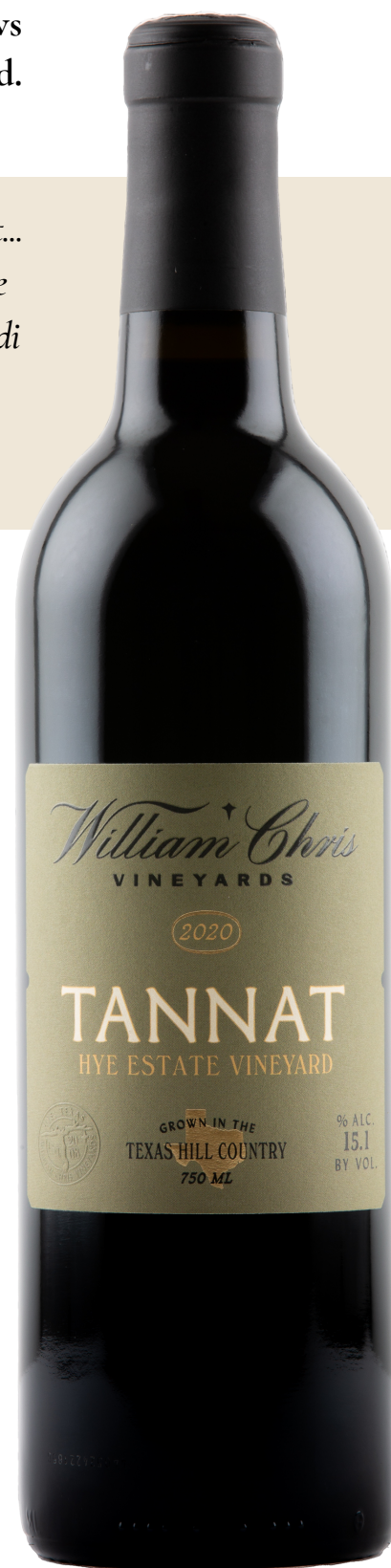
Aged in all neutral oak barrels for 25 months.

AGE OF VINES: 11 years

SOIL TYPE: Riverbed, limestone, nitrogen rich

ELEVATION: 1,450 ft

ABV: 15.1% | pH: 3.98 | TA: 5.72 g/L | RS: 1.23 g/L



Serve at 59 °F | Decant

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CASES PRODUCED: 987



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