

William Chris VINEYARDS

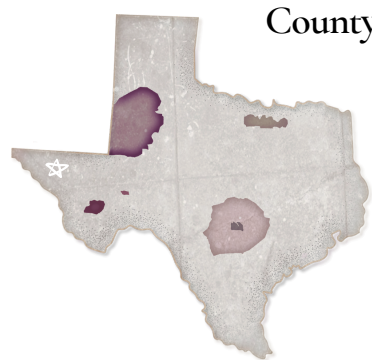
Focused on Texas grown wines made in an Old World style with low-intervention winemaking. Since 2008, founders William "Bill" Blackmon and Chris Brundrett have sourced grapes from Estate vineyards and partners alike, prizing sustainable practices and the expression of Texan terroir.

2021 CABERNET FRANC Dell Valley Vineyard

The parent grape of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc has a reputation for making playful and fruity wines in Northern France. This wine showcases the elegance and intricacy that this variety can exude when grown in tough conditions that create grapes with serious potential.

VARIETIES: 97% Cabernet Franc, 3% Cabernet Sauvignon

Vineyard: Dell Valley Vineyard



County: Hudspeth

Continuously planted since 1987, the vines at Dell Valley are deeply rooted in sloped sandy, caliche soils at over 3,500 ft elevation. Sitting next to vast alfalfa fields outside of any currently designated American Viticultural Area, the vines are mightily tended by Philipe, whose experience with growing grapevines began at an early age on the French island of Corsica.

2021 VINTAGE: A mass freeze in February and hail in May reduced quantity significantly, yet a cool summer yielded exceptional quality and balance in the remaining grapes.

TASTING NOTES

Classic Cabernet Franc bell pepper, with more unique notes of sweet sage and fresh oregano, coriander, ripe red plum, and intoxicating purple flowers and even jasmine. The nose and palate are incredibly balanced and finessed, lingering even after the full weight of its body is gone.

FOOD PAIRING



Pair to the finest cut of Prime Rib, Italian sheep's milk cheeses, or grilled veggie skewers.



WINEMAKING: Fermented in oak fermenter for 9 days after a 48 hour cold soak. Pressing off the skins to continue fermenting. Aged for 10 months in neutral oak fermenters.

AGE OF VINES: 6 years

Serve at 59 °F | Decant

ELEVATION: 3,650 - 5,000 ft

Drink now to 2026

SOIL TYPE: Sandy loam over caliche soil

CASES PRODUCED: 544

ABV: 15.2% | TA: 6.08 g/L | pH 3.75 | RS: 2.0 g/L

BOTTLING DATE: 07/01/2022



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100% Texas grown wines.