

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 SANGIOVESE Newsom Vineyard

First planted in Texas in 1968, the black Sangiovese grape was selected to pair to Texas based on both its resilience in drought conditions and its proclivity for a warm temperatures. Luckily, Texas landed a grape that can grow in a range of soils, varies its profile to even slight shifts in climate, and is wonderful alongside food!

VARIETIES: 100% Sangiovese

Vineyard: Newsom Vineyards

AVA: Texas High Plains



Established in Yoakum County by the Newsom family, they now have about 150 acres of quality fruit growing in the flat, semi-arid conditions there. Neal Newsom, who grew up in Yoakum, came from a long line of cotton farmers. With cotton as a thirsty crop, requiring more water than Texas often has to give, he looked toward alternative crops and settled on growing high quality grapes from their dry, shallow, poor soils that cause the grapes to struggle.

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

Crisp red fruits, just-past-ripe strawberry, violets and roses, cream and cotton blossom, and pink peppercorn notes on the nose. These lead into cherry bubblegum with woody notes on the palate - rustic yet opulently fruity. Dry, with nice acidity and a medium body.

FOOD PAIRING



Pair to pasta with tomato, braised meats, and gnocchi with rabbit ragout.



WINEMAKING: No cold soak. Fermented in large oak fermenter for 7 days. Aged on lees for 19 months.

Aged for 19 months in 10% new French oak barrels and 90% neutral French oak barrels.

AGE OF VINES: 30 years

Serve at 59°F | Decant

SOIL TYPE: Shallow, low-vigor sandy loam

Drink now to 2030

ELEVATION: 3,700 ft

ABV: 13.1% | pH: 3.94 | TA: 6.38 g/L | RS: 0.82 g/L

CASES PRODUCED: 432



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100% Texas grown wines.