

# William Chris VINEYARDS

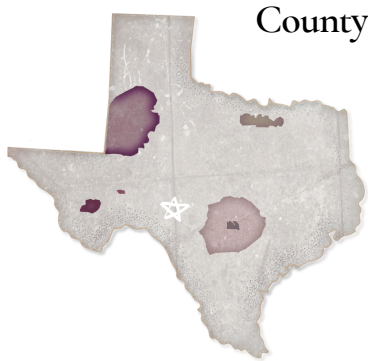
Focused on Texas grown wines made in an Old World style with low-intervention winemaking. Since 2008, founders William "Bill" Blackmon and Chris Brundrett have sourced grapes from Estate vineyards and partners alike, prizing sustainable practices and the expression of Texan terroir.

## 2021 SYRAH High Cross 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 High Cross Vineyard is somewhere between the two - bold, with exotic spices!

VARIETIES: 100% Syrah

### 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.

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

Intensely aromatic with tobacco, black tea leaf, espresso bean, raspberry and blackberry pie, fresh violet and bell pepper. The palate opens with intense tannins - green and age-worthy - making way to dried herb, black pepper and smoke notes. Perfectly balanced acidity.

#### FOOD PAIRING



Pair with aged ribeye with blackberry jus, elk loin, forest mushroom medley, and steak au poivre.



WINEMAKING: Fermented in stainless steel tanks for 8 days.

Aged in 30% new French oak barrels and 70% neutral oak barrels for 16 months.

AGE OF VINES: 21 years

Serve at 59°F | Decant

SOIL TYPE: Clay loam over fractured limestone

Drink now to 2035

ELEVATION: 2,000 - 2,200 ft

ABV: 13.4% | pH: 3.72 | TA: 7.30 g/L | RS: 0.43 g/L

CASES PRODUCED: 335



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100% Texas grown wines.