

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 TANNAT Hye Estate Vineyard



Reviewed by Decanter in August 2024 and scored 93 points out of 100. James Suckling, who reviewed in November 2024, scored 92 points out of 100.

"Smoky, spicy and peppery, with full tannins and a sense of freshness powering the wine. Violets, black cherries, blueberries, vibrant acidity and a linear drive. Full-bodied. Drink or hold." - Executive Director Jim Gordon

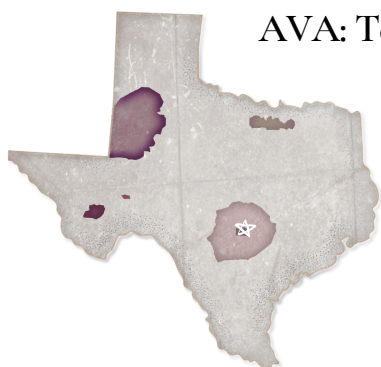


Great cheese, onion tart, smoked bavette, espresso-rubbed elk loin medallion.

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.

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.

WINEMAKING: Fermented in large oak fermenter for 10 days.

Matured in 100% neutral oak barrels for 27 months.

AGE OF VINES: 7 - 9 years

SOIL TYPE: Riverbed, limestone, nitrogen-rich

ELEVATION: 1,450 ft

ABV: 14.3% | pH: 3.75 | TA: 6.99 g/L | RS: 0.492 g/L



Serve at 59 °F | Decant

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CASES PRODUCED: 236



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