



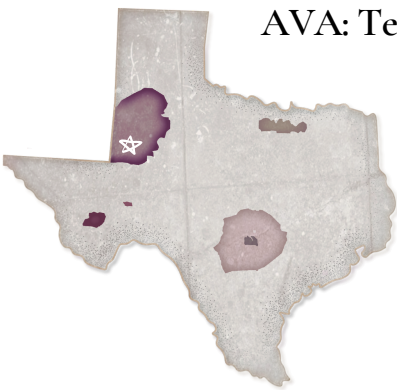
Focused on Texas grown wines made in an Old World style with low-intervention winemaking. Since 2008, founders William "Bill" Blackmon and Chris Brundrett have sourced grapes from Estate vineyards and partners alike, prizing sustainable practices and the expression of Texan terroir.

2022 MERLOT Bolen Vineyard

Merlot is a Bordeaux varietal that is often found in a blend with grapes such as Cabernet Sauvignon and Malbec where it adds fruitiness, softness, and a rich and creamy texture. On its own, Merlot can range in styles, but when treated well in the growing and winemaking processes this grape can create stunning and elegant dry red wines.

VARIETIES: 100% Merlot

Vineyard: Bolen Vineyard



AVA: Texas High Plains

Rowdy and Tameisha Bolen planted 5 acres of Merlot, Mourvèdre and Malbec in 2011 and 2012. Their location is in Smyer, Texas, just West of Lubbock. The soil is similar to surrounding Terry County vineyards, which is fine, sandy, and situated over limestone bedrock, which moderates the amount of water that the 5 acres of grapes have access to.

2022 VINTAGE: One of the driest vintages of the last few decades. About 40% reduced yield, heat that spurred ripening, and rain around harvest time led to an interesting, one-of-a-kind vintage.

TASTING NOTES

A serious Merlot leading with red fruit aromass, integrated oaky/cedar notes, and showing tertiaries of leather, tobacco, walnut oil, with dried lavender and black pepper. The palate is well-structured and intense in its youth, sure to express a richer texture over time in bottle.

FOOD PAIRING



Pair with roast duck and other game, especially in a dish with cheese or a cream component.



WINEMAKING: Fermented in large format oak fermenter for 12 days.

Aged for 14 months in 100% neutral oak barrels.

AGE OF VINES: 10 - 11 years

Serve at 59°F | Decant

SOIL TYPE: Amarillo fine sandy loam over limestone

Drink now to 2035

ELEVATION: 3,300 ft

ABV: 13.3% | pH: 3.79 | TA: 5.63 g/L | RS: 0.45 g/L

CASES PRODUCED: 48



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