



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.

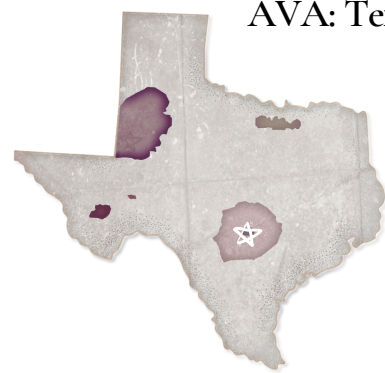
2022 TANNAT Hye Estate Vineyard

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 originally in 2012, the 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 at this site, the full 6.5+ acres of vine area are now dedicated to this single variety.

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

Perfectly ripe black currant, smoked black plum, and exotic spices like anisette all come out on the wine’s aroma. A hazelnut coffee aroma leads into dense-but-lifted kiln-dried wood aromas. The palate is full, less fruity than it is mineral/earthy, with firm, lush tannins that coat.

FOOD PAIRING



Pair with charred beef tips, soft bloomy rind cheeses, or roasted chestnuts by a fire.



WINEMAKING: Fermented in stainless steel for 12 days.

Aged in 100% neutral French oak for 26 months.

AGE OF VINES: 13 years

Serve at 59°F | Decant for 30 minutes

SOIL TYPE: Riverbed, limestone, and rich in nitrogen

Drink now to 2032

ELEVATION: 1,450 feet

ABV: 14.8% | pH: 3.97 | TA: 5.77 g/L | RS: 1.89 g/L

CASES PRODUCED: 274



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