



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.

2023 SPARKLING BOXING RABBIT CUVÉE

Bottle fermented sparkling wine has been a part of the William Chris collection since 2013. Texas wine lovers have since become well familiar with the wild, and usually hazy, Pét Nat style wines, but in 2025, the William Chris program expanded to a full range of traditional method sparkling wines under the direction of Seth Urbanek.

VARIETIES: 61% Sauvignon Blanc, 31% Chenin Blanc, 8% Semillon

METHOD: Traditional DOSAGE: Extra Brut

VINEYARD: Boxing Rabbit Vineyard



AVA: Texas High Plains

County: Lubbock

Planted in 1975 by Andy Martin in Hockley County, Martin's Vineyard identifies itself as the oldest continuously running commercial vineyard in Texas. Today, it is called Boxing Rabbit Vineyard, and has 30+ acres planted to eleven grape varieties. Current owners Preston and Kelly Alison are reviving these old vines to ensure they can express their maturity through wine!

2023 VINTAGE: Much needed rain and mild temperatures before several weeks of long 100+ degree temperatures. Sugars stalled, but grapes were harvested at ideal pH and acidity levels with balance.

TASTING NOTES

Layered and rich in aroma with concentrated pear and unripe pineapple, freshly whipped cream notes, and a wealth of high-end spices such as saffron and candied ginger. The palate is medium in body with texture and well-balanced acidity. Extra Brut (minimal dosage).

FOOD PAIRING



Pair with classic foods such as caviar, oysters and French cheeses such as Brie, Camembert or Gruyère.



WINEMAKING: Picked early for freshness. Fermented and aged shortly in stainless steel tank.

Fermented a second time in bottle with 16 months on the lees. Disgorged on 5/2/25 with 2 g/L of dosage.

AGE OF VINES: 48 years

Serve at 49° F

SOIL TYPE: Amarillo sandy loam

Drink now to 2035

ELEVATION: 3,400 feet

CLOSURE: Mushroom Cork and Cage

ABV: 12.5% | pH: 3.06 | TA: 8.30 g/L | RS: 2.00 g/L

CASES PRODUCED: 40



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100% Texas grown wines.