

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.

2023 TANNAT Hye Estate Vineyard



In October 2025, Cristaldi & Co. rated this Tannat 96 points out of 100. At that time it became the highest rated Tannat, and one of the highest rated wines in Texas.

“This Tannat is ripe and fragrant, with a beautiful mix of red and purple florals, sweet spices, and extremely polished, firm, fine-grained tannins. Medium-bodied to full-bodied, it showcases brown spices and elegant cedarwood throughout, all while maintaining incredible freshness.” - Review by Jonathan Cristaldi



Pair with braised meats, grain or mushroom based dishes with butter, and funky washed rind cheeses.

VARIETIES: 100% Tannat

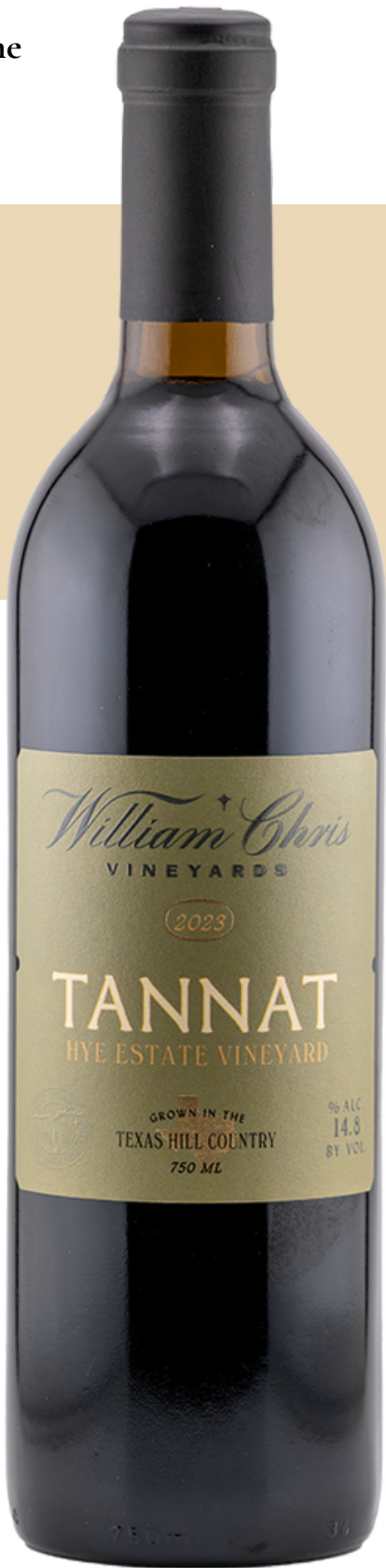
VINEYARD: Hye Estate Vineyard



AVA: Texas Hill Country COUNTY: Blanco

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.

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.



WINEMAKING: Fermented in large oak fermenter for 12 days. Extended skin maceration for 24 days.

Aged in 5% new French oak barrels and 95% neutral barrels for 24 months.

AGE OF VINES: 11 years

Serve at 59° F | Decant

SOIL TYPE: Riverbed, limestone, rich in nitrogen

Drink now to 2037

ELEVATION: 1,450 ft

ABV: 14.8% | pH: 3.75 | TA: 5.67 g/L | RS: 1.71 g/L

CASES PRODUCED: 260



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100% Texas grown wines.