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VINEYARDS

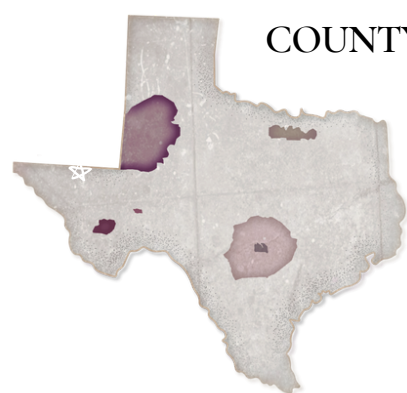
Focused on Texas grown wines made in an Old World style with low-intervention winemaking. Since 2008, founders William "Bill" Blackmon and Chris Brundrett have sourced grapes from Estate vineyards and partners alike, prizing sustainable practices and the expression of Texan terroir.

2024 CABERNET FRANC Dell Valley Vineyard

One of the parent grapes of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc is a black grape that showcases the elegance, intricacy, and power that a grape variety can exude when grown in dry, elevated Chihuahuan desert.

VARIETIES: 100% Cabernet Franc

VINEYARD: Dell Valley Vineyard



COUNTY: Hudspeth

Continually planted since 1987, the vines at Dell Valley are deeply rooted in sloped sandy, caliche soils at over 3,500 ft elevation. Sitting next to vast alfalfa fields outside of any currently designated American Viticultural Area, the vines are mightily tended by Philipe, whose experience with growing grapevines began at an early age on the French island of Corsica.

2024 VINTAGE: A mild winter transitioned into steady rainfall into late spring, ensuring proper bud break and fruit set. A cooler summer enabled ripeness without risking metabolic stalling.

TASTING NOTES

Thick aromas of red cherry compote, preserved strawberry, and cinnamon stick are heightened with a strongly floral “zestiness” that develops into red bell pepper and tomato savoriness. A mouth coating, mouth watering, but at the same time, drying sensation from teeth to tongue.

FOOD PAIRING



Pair with char-grilled T-bone steak, venison chili, Mesquite smoked meat, and Mexican mole.



WINEMAKING: Fermented in stainless steel tank and large neutral oak fermenter. Aged in 25% new French oak barrels and 75% neutral oak barrels for 4 months in separate lots, and 14 more months after blending.

AGE OF VINES: 38 years

Serve at 59° F | Decant

SOIL TYPE: Sandy loam over caliche with river rock

Drink now to 2040

ELEVATION: 3,750 ft

ABV: 15.2% | pH: 3.78 | TA: 7.30 g/L | RS: 2.00 g/L

CASES PRODUCED: 448



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100% Texas grown wines.