



SKELETON KEY

The Skeleton Key was found in the 20th century farmhouse at William Chris Vineyards and inspired a series of wines aimed to "unlock" Texas wine for everyday consumers. Approachable in style, using grapes and winemaking techniques that serve as an introduction to the flavor of Texas.

2020 CABERNET SAUVIGNON IV



Awarded a Bronze medal at the 2024 Houston Livestock & Rodeo Show, and at the Decanter World Wine Awards in June 2023. The latter is likely the largest wine competition in the world, judged by the very best beverage professionals.

"Very ripe red and black fruit aromas with hints of dried roses and tobacco. Dry, smoky finish."
- Decanter, 86 points at the World Wine Awards



Pair with a versatile wine that can stand up to Filet Mignon, and then slum it next to potato chips and tacos.

This grape requires warm conditions in which to thrive and ripen. The diversity of the Texas terroir offers this type of growing season resulting in a high-quality wine that is fruit-forward, complex and age worthy.

VARIETIES: 77% Cabernet Sauvignon, 23% Malbec

VINEYARDS: Dell Valley Vineyard, The Family Vineyard, Lahey Vineyards,
Gilliam Gap Vineyard, Twin T Vineyard, Paka Family Vineyard
COUNTY: Hudspeth, Terry, Hockley



The grapes in this wine come from the windy High Plains and the high dessert. They grow in the sunniest conditions of our great state where they can develop fully and powerfully. Each vineyard balances the grapes from the next vineyard, giving us a wine that has a little bit of everything Texas has to offer.

2020 VINTAGE: Low yields after a 2019 freeze resulted in highly concentrated, well-balanced fruit.



WINEMAKING: Fermented in 15% wild yeast. Extended maceration for 30% for 24 days. Aged for 16 months in 35% new French oak barrels and 65% neutral oak barrels. Stirred on the lees for 8 months.

AGE OF VINES: 5 - 12 years

Serve at 59°F | Gently decant

SOIL TYPE: Varied - Amarillo fine sandy loam, with caliche in some areas

Drink now to 2027

ELEVATION: 3,200 - 3,750 feet

ABV: 13.9% | TA: 6.5 g/L | pH: 4.02 | RS: 0.0 g/L

CASES PRODUCED: 1,722



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William Chris Wine Co. is committed to producing
100% Texas grown wines.