



SKELETON KEY

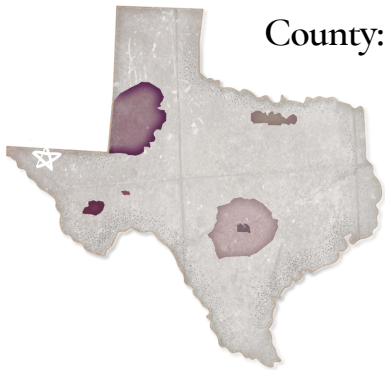
The Skeleton Key was found in the 20th century farmhouse at William Chris Vineyards and inspired a series of wines aimed to "unlock" Texas wine for everyday consumers. Approachable in style, using grapes and winemaking techniques that serve as an introduction to the flavor of Texas.

2022 CABERNET SAUVIGNON VI

The grape Cabernet Sauvignon makes complex fruity and spiced wines that feel decadent and easy to enjoy at the same time. We traversed across Texas to collect the best grapes to unlock this collection, and we found them! This wine is a representation of the great grapes from the West Texas wine regions.

VARIETIES: 91% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Cabernet Franc

Vineyard: Dell Valley Vineyard



County: Hudspeth

Originally planted in 1987, the vines at Dell Valley Vineyard are deeply rooted in the sloped sandy, caliche type soils of West Texas. Sitting outside of any designated American Viticultural Area, this vineyard is tended by Phillipe, whose experience with growing grapevines began at an early age on the French island of Corsica.

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

Aromatic, with an expressive bouquet of oak and licorice spice woven through black currant, pomegranate, mint, potent rose and jasmine notes. The wine has a polished feel, with a high-toned nature on the nose and on the palate, making it medium body with finely-knit tannins.

FOOD PAIRING



Pair with soft cow's milk cheeses, seared Elk loin medallions, white bean soup, or a plate of beef fajitas.



WINEMAKING: Fermented in stainless steel for 14 days. Extended maceration

for 24 days. Aged for 24 months in 25% new French oak and 75% neutral French oak.

AGE OF VINES: 7 years

Serve at 59 °F | Decant for 20 minutes

SOIL TYPE: Sandy loam over caliche with river rock

Drink now to 2030

ELEVATION: 3,750 ft

ABV: 13.8% | pH: 3.94 | TA: 6.16 g/L | RS: 1.41 g/L

CASES PRODUCED: 1,709



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