



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.

2023 CABERNET SAUVIGNON VII



Awarded a Silver Medal at the 2026 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Uncorked! International Wine Competition where it was also selected as Texas Class Champion - the top Texas wine of its class.

A rich aroma of herbs and juniper, with chocolate covered cherry, pomegranate, and hints of maplewood. Deep stone and earth aromas round out the flavors on the highly structured palate. The tannins slowly melt away as the fruit flavors linger. A nice full body. Dry.

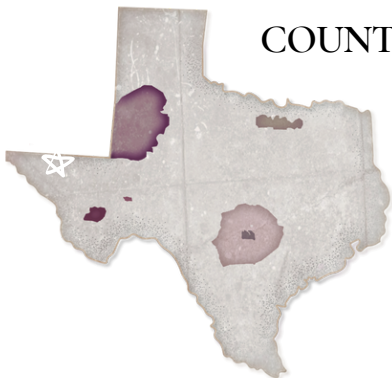


Pair with braised meats, cheddar cheese, and tomato-based dishes such as lasagna.



VARIETIES: 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 18% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot

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 currently 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.

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 stainless steel tank for 15 days.

Aged in 25% new French oak barrels and 75% neutral oak barrels for 18 months.

AGE OF VINES: 8 years

Serve at 59° F | Decant

SOIL TYPE: Sandy loam over caliche with river rock

Drink now to 2032

ELEVATION: 3,750 ft

ABV: 14.2% | pH: 3.77 | TA: 6.03 g/L | RS: 5.53 g/L

CASES PRODUCED: 3,000



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100% Texas grown wines.