



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.

RED BLEND VIII



Awarded silver medals at the 2024 Houston Livestock & Rodeo Show International Wine Competition and at the inaugural 2025 Ft. Worth Stock Show and Rodeo Vine 2 Wine International Wine Competition

Spiced apple notes on the nose give way to dried red cherry and bright pomegranate. The wine explodes on the palate! It is decadent, dry, smooth and fruity with vanilla and toasty notes, and brightness that lifts. Medium-bodied and food friendly. Best when served lightly chilled.



Pair with medium to flavorful, aged cheeses, salty snacks such as chips, and fatty meats like bacon!

Blends like this are so uniquely Texan, using grape varieties that are classically found in very different regions yet all coming together in a fresh and new style of red blend.

VARIETIES: 38% Sangiovese, 33% Mourvèdre, 17% Tempranillo, 12% Cabernet Sauvignon

AVA: Texas High Plains



The Texas High Plains is the second largest designated grape-growing region in Texas, spanning 8 million acres, yet it is responsible for the majority of the wine grapes grown in the state. A rare set of growing conditions make this area unique. On a vast flat plain, the vineyards reach elevations of 3,000 to 4,000 feet, resulting in very balanced wines.



WINEMAKING: Most of this wine was fermented in stainless steel tanks for an average of 10 days.

Aged for 32 months in 20% new French barrels, 5% Eastern European oak barrels and 75% neutral oak barrels.

AGE OF VINES: Varied

SOIL TYPE: Fine sandy loam over some clay and limestone base

ELEVATION: 3,000 - 4,000 feet

Serve at 55° F

Drink now to 2030

ABV: 14.2% | pH: 3.89 | TA: 5.01 g/L | RS: 1.8 g/L

CASES PRODUCED: 650



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100% Texas grown wines.