

William Chris

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.

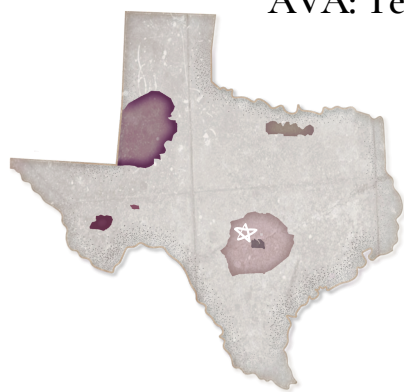
2019 BLACKMON RANCH VINEYARD BLEND

Just a small amount of this wine was made to highlight an exceptional growing site in the state of Texas. Over the granitic Llano Uplift formation in the Texas Hill Country sits Blackmon Ranch Vineyard, which is centered around the home of passionate winegrower and co-founder of William Chris - William "Bill" Blackmon.

VARIETIES: 46% Merlot, 39% Malbec, 15% Cabernet Sauvignon

Vineyard: Blackmon Ranch Vineyard

AVA: Texas Hill Country



Established in 2015 in Mason County around his home, owner and vineyard manager William Blackmon planted what he loves - Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Malbec and Petit Verdot. These "Bordeaux" varieties thrive on the slightly sloping, poor soils of Blackmon Ranch that also reflect sunlight onto the grapes to increase intensity. The subtle variations in the vineyard's terrain offer a layered effect in the resulting wines.

2019 VINTAGE: A rainy May/June and warm and dry summer led into a September heat spike that shut down grapes, resulting in the latest Texas harvest in 10 years.

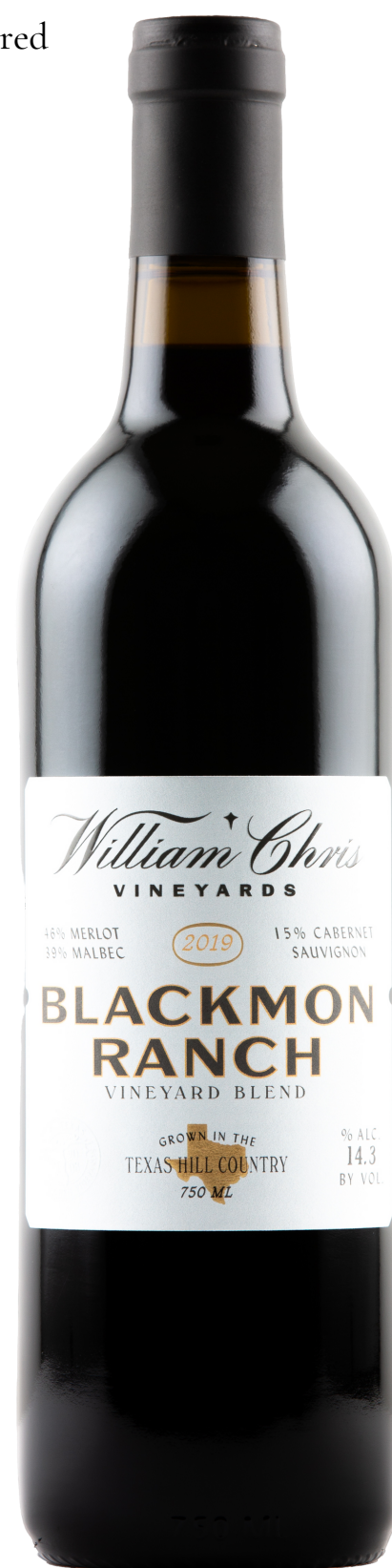
TASTING NOTES

Wild and stony on the nose, with purple flowers, blackberry jam, black cherry bark and sarsaparilla, a hint of wintergreen, acacia, and birch. The color is strikingly deep for a Texas blend, as is the palate. Full-bodied, grippy tannin texture, and sophisticatedly smokey.

FOOD PAIRING



Pair with smoked or grilled meats and vegetables, with black pepper spice, or sharp cheeses.



WINEMAKING: Fermented separately in large oak fermenters for an average of 10 days.

Aged in 20% new French oak barrels and 80% neutral oak barrels for 30 months.

AGE OF VINES: 4 years

Serve at 59°F | Decant

SOIL TYPE: Poor, shallow soils; sandy loam over clay to sandstone

Drink now to 2032

ELEVATION: 1,800 ft

ABV: 14.3% | pH: 3.68 | TA: 6.04 g/L | RS: 0.23 g/L

CASES PRODUCED: 447



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100% Texas grown wines.