

# BENT OAK

WINERY



## Texas High Plains 2018

### The Wine:

Barbera is a wonderful Italian varietal black grape that has found a home in the Texas High Plains, our Barbera grapes coming from Paka Vineyards in Brownfield, Texas. Barbera has moderate tannins with notes of blackberry, cherry, and raspberries.

### AVA:

The Texas High Plains is the second largest AVA in Texas, comprising roughly 8 million acres in west Texas, mostly south of the panhandle region. The eastern border of the Texas High Plains AVA follows the 3000ft elevation contour line along the Caprock Escarpment, the steep transitional zone separating the High Plains from the lower plains to the east. The elevation within the Texas High Plains gradually increases from 3,000 ft. to 4,100 ft. in the northwest portion of the AVA. This positioning provides an environment of long, hot dry summer days, which allow the grapes to mature and ripen to proper sugar levels, and cool evenings and nights, which help set the grape's acidity levels. Grapes and wine have been produced in this region since the mid-1970's and vineyards here have become the major grape supplier to wineries throughout the state. There are over 75 Wine Grape Varietals planted in the High Plains AVA, including Cabernet Sauvignon, Chenin Blanc, Gewurztraminer, Grenache, Merlot, Malbec, Dolcetto, Mourvèdre, Sangiovese, Tempranillo, and Viognier.

### Wine Makers Notes:

Barbera is a wonderful Italian grape that is doing well in the Texas High Plains. We ferment Barbera in bins so we can perform punchdowns twice a day to ensure full extraction of tannins and phenolics for a balanced, fruit-forward wine and then age Barbera in both new and older French Oak Barrels.

### Recommended Food Pairings:

Barbera pairs well with rich dark meats, rich, aromatic cheeses such as blue cheese, and braised vegetables, pizza, spiced chicken or pork.

### Technical Data:

pH - 3.82  
TA - 0.64/100mL  
SO<sub>2</sub> - 58 mg/L  
A/V - 14.6%

Production: 178 cases

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