BENT OAK

WINERY







Texas High Plains 2018

The Wine:

Cabernet Sauvignon is a challenging grape to grow in Texas, however, the Texas High Plains exhibits cool enough evenings during the growing year to support proper ripening. We source our Cabernet Sauvignon from Paka Vineyards and produce a wine with distinct black fruit, plum, white pepper, a hint of spice and well integrated oak. While this Cabernet Sauvignon is a pleasure to drink now, it will age gracefully for years.

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:

Texas Cabernet Sauvignons are not forgiving and need careful attention to detail. We use the same Rockpile yeast that we use for its California cousin and mature the wine in new French oak barrels.

Recommended Food Pairings:

Ribeye steak, barbeque beef ribs, pot roast, rich dense pasta with deep marinara, and fantastically with an Arturo Fuente, sun-dried wrapper cigar

Technical Data:

pH - 3.80 TA - 0.74/100mL SO2 - 72 mg/L A/V - 13.9%

Production:

132 cases

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