

BENT OAK

WINERY



TEXAS HIGH PLAINS 2018

The Wine:

Chenin Blanc is a versatile white grape, originating in the Loire Valley of France. It is also grows well in the higher elevations of the Texas High Plains. While Chenin Blanc is often used in the production of sparkling wines, it also does well as a still wine, with notes of greengage, grass, and soft green apple.

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-1970s 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:

Chenin Blanc grows well in Texas and is a versatile grape. We use ours for both still and sparkling wine. While versatile, its flavor is delicate and we ferment and age our Chenin completely in stainless steel. This ensures we preserve the natural acidity and delicate flavor profile of the grape.

Recommended Food Pairings:

Chenin Blanc pairs well with foods that have a sweet-sour element such as Asian cuisine, pork with apple, and other similar dishes.

Technical Data

pH – 3.62
TA – 0.8/100mL
SO₂ – 58 mg/L
A/V – 14.3%

Production:

68 cases

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