

BENT OAK

WINERY



Mourvedre

TEXAS HIGH PLAINS 2018

The Wine:

Mourvedre originated in Spain and is well known in France as the “M” in GSM blends. Mourvedre has also been found to do particularly well in the Texas High Plains where we source our fruit from Bingham Family Vineyards in Meadow, Texas. Our Mourvedre is deep and rich, exhibiting blackberry and spice, with an earthy, dark-fruit nose.

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:

Mourvedre is a fun grape to work with. We ferment with Rockpile yeast and age the Mourvedre in both new, medium toast American oak barrels and neutral French oak barrels. This allows the wine to mature gracefully, with proper framing and structure.

Recommended Food Pairings:

Braised short ribs, roasts, lamb

Technical Data:

pH - 3.78
TA - 0.59/100mL
SO₂ - 60 mg/L
A/V - 14.7%

Production:

202 cases

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