

BENT OAK

WINERY



TEXAS HIGH PLAINS 2018

The Wine:

Roussanne, originating from the Rhone Valley, has found a home in the Texas High Plains. Our Roussanne produces a distinctively rich white wine with wonderful aromatics reminiscent of tropical fruit, pineapple and honeysuckle. The palate is equally rich with hints of citrus, Mandarin orange, grilled nectarines and a light acidity.

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:

We aged our Roussanne in new French Oak Barrels to provide a kiss of oak before moving the wine into stainless to complete its maturation. No malolactic fermentation was required with this grape as acidity is naturally soft and the grape complex in phenolics.

Recommended Food Pairings:

Shellfish – crab, prawns, scallops or lobster. Spice-rubbed chicken or turkey as well as braised or roasted vegetables, whole wheat breads, and soft cheeses pair well with Roussanne.

Technical Data

pH – 3.67
TA – 0.61/100mL
SO₂ – 50 mg/L
A/V – 13.3%

Production:

201 cases

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