

BENT OAK

WINERY



TEXAS HIGH PLAINS 2018

The Wine

Our Sauvignon Blanc comes to us from Paka Vineyards in the Texas High Plains. It was a good year for Sauvignon Blanc in the High Plains with moderate temperatures producing a wine with firm acidity and minerality. With lemongrass aroma and distinct citrus notes, our Sauvignon Blanc pairs well with seafood and poultry or just perfectly with quiet sipping.

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:

Sauvignon Blanc can be a difficult grape to grow in Texas with its propensity for early bud-break. For winemaking, Sauvignon Blanc tends towards delicate flavors and aromas that can easily be overwhelmed by oak. We mature this wine in both neutral French Oak and stainless steel barrels which preserves the natural acidity of this wonderful grape.

Recommended Food Pairings:

Light fish, sushi, fresh peas, asparagus, spiced chicken breast

Technical Data

pH – 3.66
TA – 0.54/100mL
SO₂ – 62mg/L
A/V – 14.5%

Production: 76 cases

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