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## **HIGH PLAINS & PANHANDLE**





# Bingham Family Vineyards

Explore one of the largest selections of 100% Texas grown estate wines across Texas at the Hye, Roanoke, Grapevine, or Meadow locations. The Grapevine tasting room allows visitors to view art in the Giddens Art Gallery while enjoying our award-winning wines. All of the grapes and wine were grown and created by the Bingham team in the Texas High Plains AVA in Meadow, Texas. See [BinghamFamilyVineyards.com](https://BinghamFamilyVineyards.com) to plan your visit.

## Dirt Farmer, 2019

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*Red: Blends (<1.5%)*

The French call it terroir; in Texas, we call it dirt. Nurturing the soil, the farmer encourages healthy vines, producing fruit which becomes wonderful wine. Bright fruit forward notes blended with blackberry, black cherry, and raspberry along with spicy pepper, cinnamon, and some black earthiness underneath as well.

## Summer Night, 2022

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*Blush/Rosé*

The Texas High Plains experiences extreme climate shifts throughout the growing season with warm days to cool evenings leading to a balanced quality wine. The 2022 Summer Nights bursts with red berry, cranberry, and tropical fruit. The semi sweetness balances the acidity making it the perfect patio wine.

## Fine 'n Dandy, 2019

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*Red: Sweet (>1.5%)*

This wine is dedicated to Eddie Bingham, or “Dandy”, the grandfather of the family who was dearly loved and respected by all. Semi-sweet, with hints of dried red fruits, leather, and tobacco, this wine is complex. The sweetness balances out the acidity of the wine, softening the tannins. Serve chilled.

## Cloudburst, 2022

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*White: Dry (<1.0%)*

This field blend of Albariño and Vermentino gives a nod to the classic Italian Cinque Terre wine blend rooting back to old-world style traditional winemaking practices. The 2022 Cloudburst melds crisp acidity with a delicate bouquet of hay, citrus and green apples with a good sum of minerality.





# Llano Estacado Winery

Founded in 1976, the Llano Estacado Winery is the best-selling premium wine brand from a Texas producer. Its innovation, creativity and leadership have helped pioneer the Texas Wine Industry with literally thousands of awards and accolades over the years. Customers can find Llano Estacado's wines in broad market distribution.

## Moscato, 2021

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*White: Sweet (>1.5%)*

Prepare to be impressed... An extraordinarily rich, complex, absolutely delicious, sweet wine! Begin by smelling the fragrant essence of apricot. Next, taste the sweet, luscious juice that rolls across your palate. Smile, because you're enjoying true nectar of the gods. Perfect with hot spicy foods, or desserts such as chilled fruits or cheesecake.

## Sauvignon Blanc, 2021

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*White: Dry (<1.0%)*

Intensely aromatic with ripe citrus, fresh green herbs, and exotic tropical fruits. This is a perfect wine to savor by the glass, yet pairs well with traditional picnic fare; lighter cuisine such as herbed chicken & green salads, or lighter seafood such as red fish, tilapia, and scallops. Serve well chilled.

## Rosé, 2021

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*Blush/Rosé*

This is a "perfect" spring/summer/fall wine. The 2021 Rosé truly reflects West Texas terroir. Grown in a high elevation, this wine is an example of what a classic rosé should be: fruity, yet dry; aromatic; food friendly; yet totally enjoyable on its own. When pairing, pair with a fresh salad, salmon, duck, or with a charcuterie and soft cheeses at your next get together. Serve well chilled, at around 45 degrees

## Meritage Red Blend, 2018

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*Red: Blends (<1.5%)*

Formerly a true Bordeaux blend, we added just a touch of excellent Texas Tempranillo to this vintage for finishing. Being a 2018 vintage, it has a little age on it now, and is drinking just about perfectly,... full in the mouth, yet the tannins are lush and smooth. If you're a fan of red wines with subtle complexities, you're going to love this one. Wonderful on its own, this wine pairs extremely well with sharp cheddar cheese, grilled butterfly pork chops, or your favorite cut of steak. Serve at a slightly cool temperature of around 65 degrees. Enjoy!!

Winery Owner(s): A Privately Held Corporation, Mark Hyman: President/CEO  
Winemaker(s): Jason Centanni  
3426 E. FM 1585 | Lubbock  
806.745.2258 | LlanoWine.com

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# Arché

The Davies family founded the vineyard in 1999. Chardonnay, Viognier, Marsanne, Roussanne, Grenache, Mourvèdre and Syrah are the varieties grown. The winery and tasting room, known as Arché (pronounced ar-khay, meaning beginning, origin or leader) opened in 2007 and offers visitors expansive views of the Red River Valley in northeast Montague County. The tasting room is open Thursdays through Sundays for tastings or to enjoy by the glass. Club members enjoy multiple benefits, including exclusive Club-only wines. In addition to great wine, Arché is also famous for their flatbreads and charcuterie.

## Cuvée, 2021

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### *Red: Blends (<1.5%)*

34% Merlot, 33% Mourvèdre, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon and 13% Dolcetto. Texas High Plains AVA fruit. Harvest dates from August 28 to October 10, 2021. Bottled September 26, 2022. Dark fruit aromas of blackcurrant and plum with earthy notes of wet stone, layers of herbal notes and undertones of vanilla.

## Texas Rose, 2022

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### *Blush/Rosé*

Estate-grown saignée rosé. Blend of Syrah, Mourvèdre and Grenache Noir. Pale coral hue with aromas of peach, grapefruit, rose petal and honeydew melon, with a minerality that translates to the palate. Very light bodied with minimal tannins and a nice crispness. Label artwork by Donna Howell Sickles.

## Roussanne, 2021

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### *White: Dry (<1.0%)*

Estate grown. Hand harvested August 28, 2021. Bottled July 14, 2022. Aromas of white peach, pear and apricot with tones of beeswax and chamomile. Full-bodied white wine with good acidity and a lingering finish. Good aging potential. Peak drinking years 2025 – 2030.



# Blue Ostrich Winery & Vineyard

Blue Ostrich Winery and Vineyard has been producing award winning Texas wines for over 12 years. Guests are invited to visit their tasting room near Saint Jo, Texas where wine and food are served Thursday through Sunday year round. Reservations are highly recommended for seating and table service inside the glass-enclosed pavilion that overlooks the beautiful Red River Valley of North Texas. By the way, they really DO have ostriches!

## Table One, 2021

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*Red: Blends (<1.5%)*

Three old world grapes blended to create a distinctive Texas wine. Combined aging in both French and American Oak adds a layer of toasty sophistication, and the ruby red color lends to the overall richness of this dry red blend.

## Viognier, 2021

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*White: Dry (<1.0%)*

A traditional Rhone style dry white that's perfect for warm late-summer days. Note the classic notes of stone fruits like peach and apricot with an overlay of crisp delicious apple. Best served chilled with light cheeses and mild fish, like grilled trout or tilapia.

## Mourvèdre, 2020

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*Red: Medium (<1.5%)*

Deep color and a weighty mouthfeel make this Texas Mourvèdre a good option for those that prefer big, dry red wine styles. This wine is a good companion for grilled meats and hearty Italian or Spanish dishes. Blue Ostrich recommends serving red wines at about 58 degrees with an ever so slight chill.

## Rosato Moscato, NV

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*Blush/Rosé*

A sweet and fruity treat for those that enjoy Moscato styles wines. This is a fun wine that great for trip to the lake or football tailgating in the fall. Crafted from 100% Texas muscat grapes, enjoy this rosé ALL DAY!

Winery Owner(s): The Whitehead and Fredrick Families  
Winemaker(s): Patrick Whitehead  
5611 FM 2382 | Saint Jo  
940.995.3100 | [BlueOstrich.net](http://BlueOstrich.net)

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# Checkered Past Winery

Checkered Past Winery was formed in 2008. Owners are Sandro DiSanto and Carolynne Chancellor. The vineyard is located in East Texas but they also buy grapes from growers in the Texas High Plains and Texoma AVA. Checkered Past has produced Albarino, Viognier, Dry Rose', Tempranillo, Malbec, Syrah, Rhone blends, GSM, Cabernet Sauvignon, Sangiovese and Riesling. Checkered Past had a Wine Pub/Tasting Room/Restaurant in Downtown Dallas from 2015-2020. Now focusing on distribution to restaurants, wine shops and direct to consumer through on-line sales, festivals and farmers markets.

## Two Tone Dry Rosé, 2022

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### *Blush/Rosé*

Dry and delicate with fresh flavors of strawberry, citrus, melon, with vibrant acidity and a light mineral finish. This wine is reminiscent of a French Provence style rose' and is gently pressed to create its pale pink color and light body.

## Sangiovese, 2021

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### *Red: Medium (<1.5%)*

Distinctive flavors of cherry cola, red licorice, and strawberry. It is full-bodied, with a savory, rich fruit taste. The classic Italian grape of Chianti now thrives in Texas.

## Tempranillo, 2020

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### *Red: Bold (<1.5%)*

This popular wine has flavors of plum, tobacco, espresso bean, and vanilla. Grown on the Texas High Plains AVA and oak-aged for over 12 months to create a full-bodied with smooth tannins that can be enjoyed on its own or with food.

## GSM, 2020

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### *Red: Blends (<1.5%)*

The classic blend of Grenache, Syrah, and Mourvèdre grapes from the Rhone Valley in Southern France are now grown and produced in Texas. This wine is dark and rich with aromas of blackberries, raspberries, and other dark fruits. The smooth tannins and balanced acidity of the wine lends itself to pairing with charcuterie boards, grilled meats, and Mexican dishes.

Winery Owner(s): Sandro DiSanto and Carolynne Chancellor  
Winemaker(s): Sandro DiSanto  
3885 N FM 273 | Ivanhoe  
214.242.0411 | [CheckeredPastWinery.com](http://CheckeredPastWinery.com)



# Deschain Cellars

Deschain Cellars — the convivial “little winery that could” — built out of 10 decommissioned shipping containers, is the passion project of Willem Johnson and Kristin Mapstone. It’s the culmination of Willem’s lifetime of experience and research in wine, hospitality and engineering. And, it has given Kristin a chance to exercise some offline creativity since so much of her time is spent sitting at a screen running an online marketing company. Willem and Kristin share a pioneering spirit and couldn’t resist the opportunity to help build the North Texas Wine Country and support the revitalization of downtown Gainesville. When they found this beautiful fully wooded, undeveloped property so conveniently located off US-82, they knew the right time and the right place to start a new adventure had aligned.

## Trebbiano “Texas High Plains”, 2019

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*White: Dry (<1.0%)*

A beautiful single-vineyard, single-block wine from the Texas High Plains. Silky on the tongue, our Texas High Plains Trebbiano is a perfect wine to sip all day. A pretty and flowered medium-bodied white that drinks side by side with some of the superb Verdicchio and fun-loving Soave!

## “Unchained” Texas Red Wine, 2021

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*Red: Blends (<1.5%)*

A Texas original. This wine should be called Unleashed. Rich notes of plum, barrel and ironwood in the nose, yielding dark blue fruit, cacao, and boysenberry on the palate. A smooth, structured & powerful wine with an unyielding finish.

## Tempranillo/Malbec, 2021

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*Red: Bold (<1.5%)*

One of the new stars of the Texas wine world, this classic Spanish varietal stands alongside its French friend Malbec to provide balance between spicy black cherry fruit, leathery tannins and nuances of baked earth. Full bodied, expansive mouth feel accompanied by hints of white pepper, baking spice and lightly toasted oak, this wine will linger in your thoughts.

## “Siren’s Song” Dessert Wine, 2021

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*White: Sweet (>1.5%)*

Beautifully rose gold in color, laden with lush apricot and tangerine peel, this wine pairs with spice or salt. Wonderful as dessert all by itself, try this alongside your favorite spicy Thai dish, or as a perfect compliment to salty aged Grana Padano Parmigiano cheese.

Winery Owner(s): Kristin Mapstone  
Winemaker(s): Willem Johnson  
8363 E. US Hwy 82 | Gainesville  
940.202.9011 | [DeschainCellars.com](http://DeschainCellars.com)

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# Juniper Cove Winery

Juniper Cove Winery is located in Whitney, Texas, near Lake Whitney, and the first winery in Hill County just south of the DFW area. Opening in 2019, Juniper Cove Winery has consistently produced award winning wines from 100% Texas grapes. The tasting room is located in historic downtown Whitney and provides a small, hometown ambiance — a delightful experience away from the hustle and bustle of the big city. Come visit and enjoy some great wines, tasty wine bites, and a bit of local history.

## Petals, 2019

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*White: Dry (<1.0%)*

Notes of nectarine and/or apricot, floral. Full-bodied, dry, very drinkable

## Peachy Keen, NV

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*White: Sweet (>1.5%)*

Peachy like biting into a really ripe peach near the pit that drizzles down your chin on a hot summer day

## Sunset Red, 2019

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*Red: Sweet (>1.5%)*

Soft red blend with dark purple fruity notes - great chilled in the summer for sipping and with barbecue, tacos, pizza, and many of your favorite summer foods. In winter, hearty enough for stews and game meats as well as mulled wine and spicy Sangria

## Tempranillo - Reserve, 2014

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*Red: Bold (<1.5%)*

Traditional slightly acidic, dark cherry notes with a hint of French oak - nicely aged and smooth on the palate but great with steaks, hearty meats and to finish out the night



# Kiepersol

Kiepersol is a food, wine and spirits destination passionately run by sisters, Marnelle and Velmay. Their Father, Pierre de Wet, founded Kiepersol in 1998 and left an inspired legacy of wine, spirits and food with love and service at its core. With the beautiful backdrop of a rolling vineyard, Kiepersol produces estate-grown artisan wines from vitis vinifera and hybrid varieties along with finely crafted spirits that pair every day life with the abundance of the earth. Sharing the land, the love and the lifestyle is their passion.

## Flight, NV

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### *Blush/Rosé*

Sweet delicacy in a light Rosé. Flight by Kiepersol has the perfect level of sweetness for a refreshing experience highlighted by raspberries, strawberries, and a touch of crème brûlée. Sit back and enjoy the flight!

## Vit, 2022

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### *White: Off Dry (<1.5%)*

Inspired by the Rieslings of Europe, the 2022 Vit caresses the palate with a perfect semi-sweetness. Fresh aromatics of lychee, pear, green apple, and orange blossom lead to a clean-cut palate of lemons and lemongrass. Serve chilled.

## Merlot, 2017

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### *Red: Medium (<1.5%)*

Rich and refined, this Merlot holds a complex nose of dense brambleberries, violets, pine, and rosemary. The palate of açai with a touch of anise brings earthiness and medium tannins characterize this special vintage.

## Cabernet Sauvignon, 2018

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### *Red: Bold (<1.5%)*

Deeply mysterious with medium tannins that are artfully balanced. The nose of black cherry, cherry wood, dark plum, earthiness, and chocolate truffle cascades into a palate of generous blackberry notes. The 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon showcases the classic delicate style of Kiepersol while still respecting the robust depth of the varietal creating the most comfortable Cabernet you will ever experience.

Winery Owner(s): Marnelle Durrett  
Winemaker(s): Alex Lee  
3933 FM 344 E | Tyler  
903.894.9330 | Kiepersol.com

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# Landon Winery

Established in 2005, Landon Winery has built a reputation for producing award-winning wines that are distinctive and delicious. Landon's six winery tasting rooms are located throughout the beautiful North Texas Wine Country. A warm staff of well-trained wine educators paired with beautiful wines was Bob Landon's intentional vision, and his talented team of winemakers and educated tasting room staff continue to push forward, vintage after vintage, by constantly improving its wines, visitor experience and surroundings. Most recently, Landon's Tempranillo Reserve was named the "World's Top Tempranillo" at the prestigious San Francisco International Wine Competition 2022 (Forbes Magazine, Oct. 2022).

## Yellow Rose, NV

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*White: Sweet (>1.5%)*

Orchard flavors of apple, peach, pear and apricot. This sweet white wine is an easy drinking favorite!

## Tempranillo Reserve, 2019

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*Red: Medium (<1.5%)*

Landon's 2019 Tempranillo features cherry, plum, tobacco, leather and herb flavors; a spicy, smooth mouthfeel leads to a round tannic finish. This wine is ruby red in color, you'll enjoy the balance between earth and fruit. This wine was named the Top Tempranillo in the world after winning Double Gold and Best in Class at the 2022 San Francisco International Wine Competition. (Forbes Magazine Oct. 2022)

## Roussanne and Marsanne, 2022

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*White: Dry (<1.0%)*

This medium-bodied white blend, grown in the Texas High Plains, emits aromas of Meyer lemon, beeswax, and apricot. Flavors of peach quince, and lemon zest lead to a dry crisp finish.

## The Texan, 2021

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*Red: Bold (<1.5%)*

A dry, full-bodied red wine that tips towards higher levels of mouth-watering acidity and tighter tannins. The rich flavors are both rustic and fruit-forward, with flavors of cherry, plum, and red currant, as well as smoky and earthy herbaceousness.

Winery Owner(s): Robert Landon  
Winemaker(s): Jason Dodson  
101 N. Kentucky St. | McKinney  
972.542.3030 | [LandonWinery.com](http://LandonWinery.com)



# Los Pinos Ranch Vineyards

Los Pinos Ranch Vineyards is a destination winery located just two hours east of Dallas. Started in the year 2001, the 40-acre estate on the Texas Forest Trail and nestled in the Piney Woods of East Texas offers tastings, tours, tapas, chef specials, live music, and a cottage for overnight rental. A delightful selection of dry boutique wines produced from their Texas High Plains vineyards and sweet whimsical wines from the estate vineyards complement the delicious cuisine for those seeking a bit of escapism, wine & romance. Artisan wine & cuisine with real Texas swagger. In May of 2019, they opened a second location on Highway 290 just outside of Fredericksburg, Texas. This location is in the heart of the Texas hill country and is part of the Texas Hill Country Wine Trail. Visit either of the locations for great wines and warm Texas hospitality

## Prima Donna, 2021

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*White: Blends (<1.5%)*

Drinks like Rousanne, Viognier, or a white Phone blend with traditional notes of peach, pear, mango, floral notes with beeswax, apricot, lemon and chamomile. The floral tones, honey, citrus, spices, stone fruits, and pome fruits all align, so while totally different grapes, each offers something unique

## Pink Moscato, NV

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*White: Sweet (>1.5%)*

Cold soaked, No oak. Drinks like Moscato, orange muscat, riesling, Gewürztraminer

## Texican, 2020

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*Red: Blends (<1.5%)*

Cold soaked whole grape clusters, pressed & fermented w/ skins. then aged in American and French oak for 18 months. Drinks like chianti or barolo, spicy merlots

## Sweet Rodeo Red, NV

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*Red: Sweet (>1.5%)*

Smooth, sweet red table wine that goes down as easy as cotton candy

Winery Owner(s): Perry Wilson  
Winemaker(s): Jason Moore  
658 Cr 1334 | Pittsburg  
903.855.1769 | [LosPinosRanchVineyards.com](http://LosPinosRanchVineyards.com)

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# Lost Oak Winery

Lost Oak's origin began in the 1950s when founder Gene Estes made wine in a bathtub in his native Abilene, Texas. You see, Abilene was a dry county that had no liquor stores so he had to seek creative diversion. It became a passion. After living and working in Alsace, France, crafting the art of winemaking, he founded Lost Oak Winery. Fortunately, his immersion in the wine industry connected the winery with Jim Evans, a remarkable Texas native winemaker, one of the best in the art, who now boasts over 40 vintages making Texas wine.

## Viognier, 2022

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*White: Dry (<1.0%)*

When swirled, this Viognier hugs the glass with its delicate honeysuckle color. It is bursting with aromas of white flowers, peach, sweet citrus, and a hint of minerality.

## Mourvèdre Rosé, 2021

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*Blush/Rosé*

True to its name, this rosé has tint that can only be described as rose petal pink. Aromas of ripe melons and tropical flowers mix with hints of white peach. This rosé explodes with flavors of raspberry, strawberry, and a zesty finish of lemon.

## Dolce Rouge, 2022

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*Red: Sweet (>1.5%)*

Dolce Rouge is big and wild from its almost purple hue to its smooth finish. Aromas of strawberry, brown sugar, and subtle spice are in abundance. It is full bodied and carries flavors of candied plum, dried fig, and a hint of blood orange on the finish.

Winery Owner(s): Roxanne Myers  
Winemaker(s): Jim Evans  
8101 County Road 802 | Burleson  
817.426.6625 | [LostOakWinery.com](http://LostOakWinery.com)



# Messina Hof Winery

Since its beginning in 1977, Messina Hof Winery has been producing exceptional Texas wine for more than 40 years. It has earned its reputation as the most awarded Texas winery by combining quality Texas grapes with a passion for winemaking. With four locations in Bryan, Fredericksburg, Grapevine and Richmond, Messina Hof aims to share exceptional Texas wine and old-world hospitality with wine lovers all over the world. Join the Family.

## Tribute Series Riesling, 2021

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*White: Off Dry (<1.5%)*

A semi-sweet, medium-bodied white wine with notes of apple, citrus, and flowers. Its refreshing acidity is perfect for warm Texas days. This Tribute to Heritage honors Messina Hof's German history, and Riesling being the first wine made together by Paul V. and Paul M. Bonarrigo.

## Angel, Late Harvest Riesling, NV

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*White: Sweet (>1.5%)*

This crisp, sweet dessert wine was harvested from the last pick of Riesling grapes in the High Plains, and it is often described as apple pie in a glass. Names for its angelic sweetness and in honor of the stone angels carved in the Estate winery wall in Bryan.

## GSM, 2021

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*Red: Light (<1.5%)*

A dynamic red blend of Grenache, Syrah, and Mourvèdre aged in hybrid American/French oak barrels for 12 months. This beautifully complex wine is extremely food-friendly and showcases notes of dark red fruit, soke, spice, and leather. A fan-favorite with all red wine lovers.

## Artist Series Sangiovese, 2021

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*Red: Medium (<1.5%)*

Messina Hof's Sangiovese is a medium-bodied, fruit-forward wine with smooth notes of tart cherries and plum. Vibrant acidity is complemented by earthy undertones and a hint of spice to create a flavor profile that pairs well with rich meat dishes and tomato-based pastas.

Winery Owner(s): Paul Mitchell & Karen Bonarrigo  
Winemaker(s): Paul Mitchell Bonarrigo  
201 S. Main St. | Grapevine  
817.442.8463 | [MessinaHof.com](http://MessinaHof.com)

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# O'Farrell Country Vineyards

Small family winery that opened in 2011. They have been growing muscadines (14 varieties) since 2006. They also offer U-Pick.

## Sweet Memories, 2021

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*Red: Sweet (>1.5%)*

Black Noble muscadine varieties give this sweet red a floral, fruity taste, with just a hint of peppery notes.

## Texas Treasure, 2019

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*Red: Blends (<1.5%)*

Merlot grapes from Texas spent 18 months in French and American oak to make this mellow, full-bodied red. A touch of Noble muscadine gives it just a hint of fruitiness.

## Moonglow, 2022

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*White: Sweet (>1.5%)*

This highly aromatic sweet white is full of flavor and wonderfully representative of the floral, musky Carlos muscadines from which it's made.

## Sassy Sisters, 2022

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*Blush/Rosé*

This aromatic, sweet blush is a delicious, fruity combination of Carlos and Noble muscadines. Refreshing on a hot summer day, it pairs well with foods that bring a little spicy heat, such as barbecue and Thai.

Winery Owner(s): Benny & Judy Moore  
 Winemaker(s): Lyle McBride  
 7152 FM 995 | Atlanta  
 903.846.2054 | OFarrellVineyard.com





# Rio to Red Winery

Small urban winery in downtown Sherman, Texas specializing in 100% Texas wines. From the Rio Grande to the Red River, Rio to Red Winery sources grapes from all over the great state of Texas.

## Tempranillo, 2019

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*Red: Bold (<1.5%)*

Rich tannins softened by aging in neutral barrels, big bold cherry flavors with dried fig and notes of tobacco, leather, and a touch of spice

## Blanc du Bois, 2020

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*White: Dry (<1.0%)*

Crisp citrus notes with vibrant aromas of lemon zest, grapefruit, and a hint of lime. There's a pleasant presence of tropical fruits, such as pineapple and ripe mango.

## Two Steppin', NV

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*Red: Blends (<1.5%)*

This blend of 75% Mourvèdre and 25% Tannat grapes has dominant notes of dark blackberry and black cherry. Hints of dried herbs, like thyme and sage, mingle with dark chocolate and a faint whisper of black pepper.

## Bandit, NV

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*Red: Sweet (>1.5%)*

Bourbon barrel red blend with dark notes of Bing cherry and subtle kiss of oak by aging in bourbon barrels, succulent notes of strawberry preserves

Winery Owner(s): Mont Taylor  
Winemaker(s): various  
212 N. Walnut | Sherman  
903.422.6134 | RioToRed.com



# Rowdy Creek Ranch Vineyards

Nestled in the rolling hills of Gilmer, Texas, Rowdy Creek Ranch offers 450 beautiful acres of piney woods. From the estate vineyard, Rowdy Creek Ranch takes pride in harvesting and producing award-winning Blanc du Bois wines. Italian vats and beautiful oak barrels encompass the production facility.

## Cabernet Sauvignon, 2020

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*Red: Bold (<1.5%)*

Hints of Caramel, toffee, leather, tobacco, cherry cola, white pepper and toasted oak.

## Merlot, 2022

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*Red: Medium (<1.5%)*

Medium bodied with ripe huckleberry, fresh mission figs, juicy black cherry on the entry leading to a full-bodied mid palate with leather, cocoa, dry violet and medium fine tannins finished off with notes of black fruit, vanilla, toasted oak, baking spices, and dark chocolate.

## Sweet Blush, 2022

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*Blush/Rosé*

Semi-Sweet, fresh fruitiness, medium bodied.

## Blanc Du Bois (Dry), 2022

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*White: Dry (<1.0%)*

Fresh fruit medley with aromas of honeysuckle, peach and pear then finishes on notes of green apple, grapefruit, lemon-lime, and mineral.



# Saviana Winery

Saviana Winery is a boutique winery founded in 2020 and located in Cedar Hill, TX. They are GoTexan certified and pride themselves on award-winning Texas wines and outstanding service to their customers!

## Julie Denton, 2019

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### *Blush/Rosé*

Enjoy this fruit forward Rosé of Sangiovese with notes of strawberry and orange zest. Made with 100% Texas grapes grown in Texas Hill Country.

## Tempranillo, 2019

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### *Red: Bold (<1.5%)*

Enjoy the taste of luscious red fruit on the palate teasing the senses with light, spicy notes. The outstanding structure of this wine will stand tall with a juicy Texas steak or brisket. Pair with Gruyere cheese or dark chocolate for an added treat. Made with 100% Texas grapes grown in Texas High Plains AVA.

## Cartemour, 2019

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### *Red: Blends (<1.5%)*

A wine this enjoyable on the palate required a name just as enjoyable to say. Cartemour is a fanciful name blending the varietals Carignan, Tempranillo, and Mourvèdre. This red blend creates a bouquet of black currant, pepper, and earth on the nose with a bright tannic finish. Made with 100% Texas grapes.

## Trebbiano, 2019

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### *White: Dry (<1.0%)*

Enjoy this refreshing, crisp white wine with notes of fresh pear. The bright acidity of Trebbiano pairs well with seafood pasta and rustic chicken dishes. Enjoy this wine paired with cheeses such as Fontina or Gouda. Made with 100% Texas grapes grown in Texas High Plains AVA.

Winery Owner(s): Julie Denton  
Winemaker(s): Julie Denton  
316 Cooper Street | Cedar Hill  
972.834.2127 | SavianaWinery.com



# Silver Dollar Winery

Established in 2015, Silver Dollar Winery is located in the heart of the mid-cities in Bedford and also has 25 acres in the Hill Country near Hye, TX. The story of the winery comes from a love of wine, motorcycles, auto racing and good times with friends and family. Their goal is to promote Texas wine with a passion for wine with a combination of tradition and history. Silver Dollar Winery offers more than 25 award-winning wines sweet to dry with Italian Bistro and artisan pizzas.

## IM'Peached, 2022

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*White: Blends (<1.5%)*

Multiple award winning white wine blend of Riesling and Blanc du Bois with a bold infusion of peach to sweeten naturally. Pairs well with spicy dishes, Thai, Turkey, and fruit desserts. The peach flavor is very sensual.

## Boot Scootin' Boogie Chocolate, 2021

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*Red: Sweet (>1.5%)*

Sweet decadent red wine blend of Merlot and Tempranillo with exotic extract of dark chocolate, milk chocolate, vanilla & black cherry that will tantalize all your senses. Pairs well with cheesecake, nutty desserts like pecan pie and ice cream.

## Texan Redback Riesling, 2022

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*White: Off Dry (<1.5%)*

Intense aromatic white wine with orchard notes of nectarine, apricot, honey-crisp apple and pear with an off dry finish. Pairs well with Asian food, chicken, seafood, pork, goat cheese, and semi-hard cheeses like Havarti, Gouda, & Feta. The wine is nicknamed after the Republic of Texas' first dollar.

## Peace Maker Merlot Reserve, 2019

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*Red: Light (<1.5%)*

Smooth light bodied red wine aged in new French Oak for two years with a rich, velvety finish. Mild acidity with tasting notes of light pepper, black cherry, black currant with smooth and mild light cedar and vanilla finish. Pairs well with tomato based pastas, steak and beef dishes, roasted vegetables.

Winery Owner(s): Richard and Melanie Bowen  
Winemaker(s): Richard and Melanie Bowen  
1937 Bedford Rd | Bedford  
817.358.8830 | [SilverDollarWinery.com](http://SilverDollarWinery.com)



# Sweet Taste of Paradise Winery

Sweet Taste of Paradise has been a Texas Winery since 2010 and are located in Paradise Texas. The wines are a sweet fruit blended with a grape varietal. They do shows all over the state of Texas and have been in Canton First Monday for 12 years. In 2015, they entered all six wines into the Houston livestock show and rodeo international wine competition.

## Peach Paradise, NV

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*White: Sweet (>1.5%)*

This peach chardonnay tastes just like drinking a peach! It is light, sweet, with the chardonnay on the back.

## Strawberry Kiss, NV

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*White: Sweet (>1.5%)*

The strawberry riesling is very crisp with the strawberry notes and riesling on the back. Perfect for summer and we add this wine to our strawberry mango frozen wine-a-rita's.

## Açaí Raspberry,

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*Red: Sweet (>1.5%)*

The Açaí Raspberry is blended with the cabernet grape. You can taste the açai berry and raspberries with the cabernet grape.

Winery Owner(s): Kimberly Trotter  
Winemaker(s): Kimberly Trotter and James Williams  
820 County Road 3592 | Paradise  
817.673.7546 | [SweetTasteOfParadise.net](http://SweetTasteOfParadise.net)

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# Tara

Tara Vineyard & Winery, the oldest winery in Henderson County, is owned and operated by the Pierce family. Nestled in among the vineyard is the TARA INN housed in the historic Murchison home, constructed in the 1880's and relocated from downtown Athens and open for overnight guests. Five acres of production of Blanc du Bois, Black Spanish and Merlot. The winery established in 2006 and is a full production winery, fruit, production, and bottling. Tasting Room & light food service open Wednesday through Sunday or Monday and Tuesday by appointment. Enjoy a #sipoftexas.

## Blueberry Blanc, 2022

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*White: Off Dry (<1.5%)*

Blueberry blanc slightly sweet wine, cool & refreshing with a big refreshing, never to forget aroma. Perfect for a sunny day... A truly unique wine journey and tasting. Blanc grapes are estate grown.

## Blanc Du Bois, 2022

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*White: Dry (<1.0%)*

Succulent estate grown grapes offer a floral bouquet with notes of apple, pear and honeysuckle. Cold fermentation extracts the true varietal characteristics.

## Texas Twang, 2022

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*Blush/Rosé*

Estate grown Blanc du Bois and Black Spanish grapes fermented in cold stainless tanks. Refreshingly fruity with hints of melons, apples and honeysuckle.

## Cabernet Sauvignon, 2019

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*Red: Medium (<1.5%)*

Notes of ripe blackberries, black currants, and plum, a full-bodied and bold, with a good level of tannins giving a luscious, jammy sip. a well-balanced wine with moderate acidity, providing a refreshing touch and balanced richness. Aged in Hungarian oak, some new some older & subtle hints of vanilla, cedar, or tobacco complementing the fruit notes. The finish is long and lingering, leaving you with the memory of its vibrant fruit and tannin interplay. Pairs excellently with hearty dishes such as grilled red meats, beef stew, barbecued ribs, or a juicy burger.

Winery Owner(s): susan steger  
Winemaker(s): Susan Steger/Michael Sipowicz  
8603 County Road 3914 | Athens  
903.675.7023 | TaraWinery.com



# Valle Della Pace

## Vineyard and Winery

Founded in 2011, Valle Della Pace is a family-owned-and-operated vineyard and winery. With roots going back to southern Italy, the winery produces wine in an Italian style. From Blanc du Bois to Noirs, you'll find these wines to be smooth. You'll fall in love with something that has that old country feel.

### Blondie, 2016

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*White: Dry (<1.0%)*

The Blanc du Bois is light, dry, crisp, and floral

### Peaches, 2017

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*White: Sweet (>1.5%)*

A smooth, sweet white wine with lots of peach flavor

### Malizioso, 2016

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*Red: Blends (<1.5%)*

A mischievous blend of Cab Sauvignon and Merlot, nicely Oakes

### Ruby, 2017

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*Red: Sweet (>1.5%)*

A rich, semi-sweet red wine made from Ruby Cabernet

Winery Owner(s): Dr Donald Clark  
Winemaker(s): Dr. Donald Clark  
17840 Tx-110 | Lindale  
903.730.6721 | ValleDellaPace.com





# Whiskey Road Winery

Whiskey Road Winery started growing grapes in 2015, with a 10-year plan of becoming a winery. The infamous year of 2020 rolled around and they decided to just go for it and become a winery, so by the end of that year they were a licensed winery. They started out growing Tempranillo and Syrah, and added Mourvèdre and Viognier in 2022.

## Tempranillo, 2020

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*Red: Bold (<1.5%)*

Bold flavors of black cherry and tobacco, aged in oak, giving it a well-rounded mouthfeel.

## Rosé, 2020

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*Blush/Rosé*

Fruit-forward notes of strawberry and watermelon, best served chilled.

## Viognier, 2021

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*White: Dry (<1.0%)*

Full-bodied white wine with hints of honeysuckle and tangerine, best served chilled.

## Black Spanish, 2021

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*Red: Medium (<1.5%)*

A dark, tannic wine, slightly back-sweetened, to give it a more round texture.

Winery Owner(s): Ben and Jessica Rowe  
Winemaker(s): Ben Rowe  
7533 County Road 308 | Grandview  
817.726.0358 | [WhiskeyRoadWinery.com](http://WhiskeyRoadWinery.com)







**GULF COAST**



# En Gedi Vineyards and Winery

En Gedi Vineyards is a family-owned business built on a foundation of faith and family. Their mission is to provide customers with the finest fruit and estate-grown wines produced in the Gulf Coast region of Texas. Their three-acre vineyard was established in 2013 in northeast Milam County and nestled into the rolling hills along the Brazos River Valley. Currently, Lenoir and Blanc Du Bois are grown. The Winery and tasting room were established in 2017. Wines may be purchased online or by visiting the tasting room on Main Street in Calvert, TX.

## Texas Tornado, 2022

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*White: Sweet (>1.5%)*

We combined our premium semi-sweet estate-grown 2022 Blanc Du Bois wine and fiery jalapeno and mango infusion to create a truly unique medium body wine. As expected, this wine has a wonderful, pronounced aroma and finishes with just enough heat to be unexpected in a wine yet not overpowering. Pair with spicy, savory foods such as Tex-Mex, street tacos, tamales. Serve cold.

## Brazos Bettie, 2019

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*White: Blends (<1.5%)*

Grandma Bettie Henry was a subject of many family conversations. An early settler to Texas and Brazos County, she was the epitome of a strong pioneer woman and larger than life. Brazos Bettie Blush is a blend of our estate grown Blanc Du Bois and Lenoir Rose creating a lightly acidic dry blush wine. Just the color of a Texas Frontier sky, reminding us all how strong we are. Serve very cold! Made just for you.

## The Bluest Eyes in Texas, 2019

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*Red: Sweet (>1.5%)*

Rosé with a twist! They added a touch of Blueberry to the ruby red, medium-body Lenoir Rosé wine. It brings back memories of a cool, summer evening with the bright, acidic yet refreshingly pronounced aroma and taste. Pair with grilled apricots, dried fruit and soft cheeses or barbecue chicken. Serve cool.

Winery Owner(s): Pat and Karen Hale  
Winemaker(s): Pat Hale  
604 S. Main | Calvert  
254.265.9669 | [EnGediVineyardOfTexas.com](http://EnGediVineyardOfTexas.com)



# Frascone Winery

Founded in 2004, Frascone Winery is a small cottage winery on Trinity Bay, just south of Anahuac, Texas. The winery grows Black Spanish and Blanc-du-bois grapes on site as well as Beekeeping, which allows them to produce mead.

## Oak Island Sweet White, 2020

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*White: Sweet (>1.5%)*

Tropical flavors, that are light and fruity.

## Shiraz, 2017

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*Red: Bold (<1.5%)*

Features notes of blackberry and plum. Dark and robust

## Orange Muscat, 2020

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*White: Dry (<1.0%)*

With notes of citrus and honeysuckle.

## Oak Island Rosé, 2019

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*Blush/Rosé*

Light and smooth plum and pear flavors.

Winery Owner(s): James Frascone  
Winemaker(s): James Frascone  
308 Bayside dr | Anahuac  
504.914.3353 | [FrasconeWinery.com](http://FrasconeWinery.com)

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# H-Wines

H-Wines offers French and Texas wines in a historic downtown Montgomery bank. Formed by two Frenchmen, Steve Hari and Philippe Legrand, the brand utilizes French grape growing technique at its vineyards in Coldspring. Attendees can dabble between French and Texas wines, puff on cigars and try a variety of appetizers at the historic location.

## Blanc du Bois, 2020

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*White: Dry (<1.0%)*

Blanc du Bois is dry wine mineral with notes of peaches apricots. This wine is fresh and balanced, it is proposed to enjoy this wine with chicken, pasta or seafood.

## Black Spanish Lenoir, 2022

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*Red: Bold (<1.5%)*

Black Spanish Lenoir is very fruity balanced smooth. This wine is perfect with steak, cheeses.

Winery Owner(s): Steve HARI  
Winemaker(s): Steve Hari  
110 Pinto Lane | Coldspring  
832.870.9303 | H-Wines.com



# Rusty hook winery

Founded in 2016, Rusty Hook is a small batch winery, specializing in fruit blends. They are located on the gulf coast of Texas and invite you out for wine, fun and friends.

## Caye Verde, 2022

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*White: Blends (<1.5%)*

Blanc du bois wine sweetened with pear juice for a nice, lightly sweet, refreshing wine.

## Mermaids kiss, 2022

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*Red: Medium (<1.5%)*

Dry red Texas merlot barrel aged and bottled for a nicely tannined smooth red. This wine comes across as medium bodied. Easy drinking.

Winery Owner(s): Cheri walleck  
Winemaker(s): Cheri walleck  
5880 state hwy 185 n | Port Lavaca  
832.646.4246 | RustyHookWinery.com

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**HILL COUNTRY**



# Becker Vineyards

Located in the Texas Hill Country, between Fredericksburg and Stonewall, Becker Vineyards was established in 1992 by Richard and Bunny Becker. The Beckers have 66 acres of vineyards and grow varietals Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Sauvignon Blanc, Petite Sirah, Syrah, Mourvèdre, Grenache, Chardonnay, and Viognier to name a few. Each vintage of Becker wines is aged in new French and American oak barrels. Becker Vineyard is open seven days a week for wine tastings, elevated experiences, events (private & public) and also has a wine club.

## Viognier Reserve, 2021

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*White: Dry (<1.0%)*

Notes of Orange Blossom, Pear, Gala Apple, and hints of toasty oak. Pairs beautifully with Asian fare, Peppered Pork Loin, cream-based dishes, and soft cheeses.

## Jolie (dry rosé), 2021

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*Blush/Rosé*

Bright red berry notes, rose petals, and spice on the finish. Crisp, clean wine which pairs well with Grilled Salmon, Texas BBQ, Picnic Sandwiches, or by itself on a hot Texas Day!

## Prairie Rotie, 2019

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*Red: Blends (<1.5%)*

An earthy wine with firm tannins and notes of Tobacco, Black Pepper, Cherries, Blackberries. Pairs well with Roasted Quail, Hummus, Lamb K-Bobs, Fillet Mignon, and firm cheeses.

## Fleur Sauvage, NV

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*White: Sweet (>1.5%)*

Lively apple, apricot, peach, and lychee fruit with notes of Cinnamon, and Allspice. Pairs beautifully with spicy and/or fiery fare or by itself.

Winery Owner(s): Richard Becker

Winemaker(s): Jonathan Leahy

464 Becker Farms Road, Frederickburg, TX | Fredericksburg

830.644.2681 | BeckerVineyards.com



# Bull Lion Ranch and Vineyard

As a working cattle and horse ranch since 1989, they planted the vineyard in 2010 with production of their first wine in 2016. The Tordiglione family heritage has been producing wines in the Bonita Region of Italy since 1850. They carry on this family tradition with 4 tasting rooms in Grapevine, Granbury, Glen Rose and at The Ranch near Chalk Mountain in Erath County. They always make their wine the Old-World Italian way with a Texas Style. . . . . That's amoré.

## Sangiovese, 2020

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*Red: Light (<1.5%)*

A light balanced Italian varietal with delinquent aromas and nice finish. Mixed berry flavors through out with a hint of sweet tobacco and spice. The perfect summer red wine that pairs well with red sauce dishes. (Try is chilled between 54- 60°)

## Tempranillo, 2020

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*Red: Bold (<1.5%)*

Our Old-World Italiano Style Monte grown in Texas. Medium body with soft tannins, black currant and cherry fruit forward that brings out the smooth oak finish. Enjoy with your favorite Italian dish with friends while trying to pronounce “Montepulciano.”

## Malbec, 2020

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*Red: Bold (<1.5%)*

Beautiful and bold with deep color and body. Dark rich wild cherry and fruit with hints of leather and pleasing sweet tobacco. A balanced dryness to be enjoyed with steak or wild game, or just “me time”.

## Texianti, 2019

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*Red: Blends (<1.5%)*

Italian Style Chianti blend from 150-year-old recipe. Fruit forward, light to medium body with rich spice notes and peppery leather finish. This wine pairs well with any entree from tomato sauce base to heavy red meat to wild game and even cheese and cracker snacks or popcorn. A wonderful red wine to keep in stock for any occasion.

Winery Owner(s): Chuck and Cyndi Tordiglione  
Winemaker(s): Patrick Johnson and Tony Tordiglione  
8216 CR 539 | Hico  
682.271.4147 | BullLionRanch.com

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# Horn Winery

Founded in 2017, Ryan Horn has strove to break the barriers of Texas winemaking and continued to elevate it to the form it has become. Much like an orchestra, the finished piece is not merely the product from one person's training, but the ability of the composer to enhance all the best attributes of each instrument and artist. Even the terroir of the Texas Hill Country offers tools for the composer to use and produce fruit with unique characteristics. Every instrument is played to make the resulting symphony of flavors; the barrels, the aging time, and even the blends themselves.

## Alegre, 2022

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*White: Dry (<1.0%)*

Bright citrus, melon, and subtle tropical fruit flavors with a soft salinity sensation on the mouth, with aromas of Meyer lemon, banana, grapefruit, and honeydew.

## Dolce, 2019

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*Blush/Rosé*

Lightly colored, sweet strawberry, cherry blossom, and candied lemon peel flavors with a refreshing finish. Cherry blossom and lemon balm aromas make the wine perfect for any occasion.

## Da Capo, 2019

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*Red: Bold (<1.5%)*

Aromas of ripe red fruits with a bell pepper undertone are complimented by clove, cinnamon, and thyme on the nose. With rich strawberry and plum seasoned with baking spices and herbaceous flavors on the palate.

## Motif, 2019

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*Red: Medium (<1.5%)*

Light in color but full of flavor. Mesquite is subtle compared to blueberry and red plum aromas. Blueberry, black cherry, and plum shine with thyme and cinnamon delicately coming through in the mouth.

Winery Owner(s): Ryan Horn  
Winemaker(s): Brad Cummins  
9953 W US Highway 290 | Hye  
844.493.4676 | [HornWinery.com](http://HornWinery.com)



# Pillar Bluff Vineyards

Pillar Bluff Vineyards was founded in 1999. Pillar Bluff is a boutique winery specializing in Texas-only wine and it's a beautiful place to spend a day.

## Kitty, 2019

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*White: Dry (<1.0%)*

When the grapes say "I want to be dry this year!" you follow their lead. Lemon grass and honey on the nose.

## Riesling, 2020

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*White: Sweet (>1.5%)*

Apple blossom and peaches on the nose. Sweet finish. Pairs with peaches and shortcake.

## Sangiovese, 2020

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*Red: Light (<1.5%)*

Cherry and Italian leather on the front. A firm tannin structure will keep this one for years. A well structured wine.

## Tempranillo, 2021

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*Red: Medium (<1.5%)*

Dark fruit, leather and notes of cedar and lavender with robust tannins. Finishes with enough body to want a steak.

Winery Owner(s): Gill L Bledsoe  
Winemaker(s): Gill L. Bledsoe  
300 CO RD 111 | Lampasas  
512.556.4078 | [PillarBluffVineyards.com](http://PillarBluffVineyards.com)

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# Slate Theory

Slate Theory opened its doors in November 2021. Using exclusively Texas grapes Slate Theory takes a psychological approach understanding that wine is open to interpretation.

## Nebbiolo Rosé, 2021

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*Blush/Rosé*

Watermelon tart

## Viognier, 2021

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*White: Dry (<1.0%)*

Honey dew, light and crisp

## Cabernet Sauvignon, 2019

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*Red: Medium (<1.5%)*

Smooth, red fruits; light pepper/clove

Winery Owner(s): Randy Jones  
Winemaker(s): Tyler Wolz  
10915 e us290, | Fredericksburg  
830.998.8306 | SlateTheory.com



# Texas Legato

Winery founded in 2007. The winery sits on 21 acres of bottom land located 4.5 miles southwest of Lampasas, Texas. Petite Syrah and Cabernet Sauvignon are the two best known bed.

## The Eyes of Texas Sweet Surrender, NV

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*Red: Sweet (>1.5%)*

Sweet on the initial taste and a wonderful finish.

## Eyes of Texas Temptress, 2019

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*Blush/Rosé*

Hits of Strawberry and a pleasing sweetness

## Eyes of Texas Rylee Belle, 2020

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*White: Sweet (>1.5%)*

The Orange muscat is super sweet with a hint of tartness on the finish.

## Legato Malbec, 2017

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*Red: Light (<1.5%)*

Notes of cigar box and cherry,

Winery Owner(s): Bill Bledsoe  
Winemaker(s): Bill Bledsoe  
2935 FM 1478 | Lampasas  
512.556.9600 | TexasLegatoWinery.net

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# Valley Mills Vineyards

We are a family owned winery that has been making wine since 2006. We primarily grown Tempranillo and Muscat Canelli. All of our wines are made from 100% Texas grown grapes.

## Garnacha, 2021

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*Red: Light (<1.5%)*

This is a light bodied dry red wine with notes of cocoa and fresh strawberry

## Cinsaut Rosé, 2021

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*Blush/Rosé*

This is a dry, Provence style of Rosé with tasting notes of grapefruit and honeydew melon

## Muscat Canelli, 2022

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*White: Sweet (>1.5%)*

This sweet white wine has tasting notes of honeysuckle and jasmine

## Carignan, 2022

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*Red: Bold (<1.5%)*

This full bodied dry red wine with soft tannins has notes of blackberry, cedar, and vanilla



# Watson Vineyard

Small, family-run winery founded in 2011. After years in combat with the Army, the owner wanted to find a new calling, one that seemed peaceful and a bit more away from everyone else. They only grow Petit Sirah but source out many different varietals. Enjoy the wine.

## Viognier, 2021

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*White: Off Dry (<1.5%)*

Very floral with a hint of honeydew. Soft in body with a smooth finish. Light acidity making for a great wine.

## Saignée Rosé, 2021

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*Blush/Rosé*

Floral with a hint of candied cherry. More flavorful than typical rose. Balanced acidity. Clean finish.

## Sweet Maryanne, 2019

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*Red: Sweet (>1.5%)*

Light in color with a transparent quality. Soft in body with a smooth finish.

## Mourvèdre, 2018

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*Red: Medium (<1.5%)*

Soft with flavors of cherry, blackberry and cocoa



# Wedding Oak Winery

Established in 2012, the beautiful 1926 tasting room and 10,000-case production facility was restored and built on the northern edge of the Texas Hill Country American Viticultural Area, at the intersection of U.S. Highway 190 and State Highway 16. This marked an exciting addition to the city's downtown revitalization efforts. With varietals such as Sangiovese, Tempranillo, Viognier, Grenache, Sirah, Trebbiano, Roussanne, and Cabernet Sauvignon they make 100% Texas-grown wines that can tolerate the Texas weather.

## Roussanne, 2022

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*White: Dry (<1.0%)*

The aroma is filled with enticing notes of banana foster, tangy lime zest, and a touch of honeycomb. On the palate, flavors of lemongrass are accompanied by the refreshing zest of grapefruit and a hint of banana. The wine's higher acidity adds brightness and a lively character to its profile.

## Tioja, 2021

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*Red: Bold (<1.5%)*

This wine primarily consists of Tempranillo and Sangiovese and was aged in oak for eighteen months. Aroma: plum, black cherry, earth, and smoke. Tasting Notes: Plum, Black Persimmon, Black Pepper

## Primitivo, 2021

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*Red: Light (<1.5%)*

This big red has aromas of chocolate, smoke, and black plum, with black currant, vanilla, and bourbon ball on the palate. This wine finishes with dark fruit and smooth tannins.

## Castanet, 2022

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*Blush/Rosé*

A dry rosé that entices with aromas of dried tropical fruit, white flowers, and green strawberry. On the palate. Cherry contributes a sweet and juicy element, while grapefruit adds a refreshing tang. The Castanet's dryness and balanced acidity create a crisp and invigorating mouthfeel, leading to a lingering finish.

Winery Owner(s): Mike McHenry  
Winemaker(s): Van Johnson  
316 E Wallace Street | San Saba  
325.372.4050 | [WeddingOakWinery.com](http://WeddingOakWinery.com)

# Wine-Tasting Terms

**ACIDITY** The quality of tartness or sharpness in a wine

**AROMA** Fragrance of the wine that comes from the grapes

**ASTRINGENCY** Puckery feeling in the mouth caused by the tannins in red wines, which come from the grape skins that also give the wine its color

**BALANCE** Harmonious combination of all the sensory elements of wine - fruit, acid, alcohol, nose, residual sugar (if any) and oak if barrels are used for fermentation and/or aging

**BODY** The feeling of a wine's consistency, or weight, in the mouth, usually associated with the alcohol content

**BOUQUET** Fragrance of the wine that comes from fermentation and aging

**CLEAN** Free of any off and/or unpleasant smells and flavors

**CORKED** A musty, wet cardboard odor caused by a bad cork

**CRISP** Good, pleasant acidity

**DRY** The absence of sweetness

**FINISH** The taste, smell and feeling in the mouth remaining after a wine is swallowed; a good wine usually has a nice, lingering finish

**FRUITY** Aromas and flavors of the grape (a wine can be fruity and still be dry)

**HOT** A feeling of heat through the nasal passages and mouth when the alcohol content of a wine is too high and out of balance

**NOSE** The total aroma and bouquet of a wine

**OFF** An undesirable odor and/or taste

**THIN** Lack of body

# A Few Commonly Asked Questions

## **Q: Should I follow the rule to drink red wine with red meat and white wine with white meat?**

No. Although some food and wine combinations are more compatible, you should serve what you enjoy and what tastes best to you and your guests.

## **Q: Why should wines be stored laying down?**

To keep the corks wet and prevent air from getting into the bottle.

## **Q: Why are wineries starting to use screw caps and synthetic corks instead of real corks?**

There is a worldwide problem now with tainted corks (from bacteria or chemical exposure) which cause wines to smell and taste “corked.” A screw cap, although lacking the romance of a cork, is the most effective wine closure. Synthetic corks are effective but are often hard to put back into an opened bottle. For wine that needs several years of bottle aging to mature, a real cork is still the best method.

## **Q: Is room temperature the appropriate temperature to store and serve wine?**

Room temperature is really cellar temperature which would be 55 to 60 degrees, not temperatures in the 70s or higher. Red and white wines are best served at cellar temperature, but you may chill white and rosé wines if you prefer. Champagne and sparkling wines should be served well-chilled.

## **Q: When tasting several wines, what is the best order in which to taste?**

The general rule is: white wines before reds, dry white before sweeter white, light reds before heavy red and dessert wines last. It is easier for your palate to accept the flavors this way.

## **Q: Why do people swirl wine around in the glass before drinking? Does it have a purpose or just look good?**

Swirling exposes wine to the air which helps release its aroma and bouquet. It also helps warm up a wine that is too cold.

## **Q: What are legs and do big legs mean a wine is good?**

Legs are the tear-shaped drops that appear on the inside of the glass when you swirl wine around. They have to do with the alcohol in the wine and mean nothing by themselves. A good wine must have all the elements—fruit, acid, alcohol, tannin, oak (if barrels are used), etc.—and must have them in balance.

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