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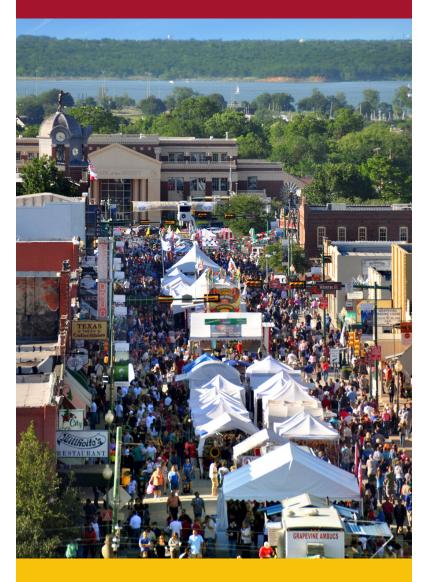






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Your votes will pick the People's Choice winners!

# **4R Ranch Vineyards and Winery**

Where the shortgrass prairie drops into the Red River Valley, the 4R Ranch, with its magnificent vistas and rocky terrain, is perfectly suited for growing Cabernet Sauvignon and Viognier grapes. Patriarch W.C. Roper encouraged his family of sixth-generation Texans to share the beauty of this extraordinary place with others. It was love of both this man and the land that inspired 4R Ranch Vineyards & Winery. Chinquapin oaks, white-tailed deer, the endangered black-capped vireo and the occasional Rio Grande turkey inhabit this incredible property. Powered by sun, earth and wind, 4R Ranch Vineyards and Winery calls us to slow our pace, enjoy the view, and sip a glass of wine in the magnificent Red River Valley.



# Winery Owner: **Suzanne, Walt & Chris Roper**Winemaker: **Willem Johnson**

1473 County Road 477 Muenster, TX 76252 940.736.3370 www.4RWines.com



#### Viognier Estate, 2016 White: Dry (<1.0%)

Softly fragrant and serenely aromatic in the nose, this 2016 Viognier yields beautiful overtones of peach at first sip. Round and relaxed in the mouth, the medium-bodied weight is balanced by high-toned acid and glycerin, wrapped in extraordinarily elegant fruit.

#### Nectar, 2016 White: Sweet (>1.5%)

Beautifully golden raisin in color, laden with lush apricot and tangerine peel, this wine pairs with spice or salt, or stands as dessert all by itself!

#### Cabernet Sauvignon Estate, 2013 Red: Medium (<1.5%)

This signature red vintage exemplifies the power of the 4R land. Broodingly smoky in the nose, this full-bodied yet sensuous Cab is a delight to drink. At once powerful and elegant, this proves to be a contemplative glass of wine, illustrating the balance of strength and beauty found in the vineyards where it is grown.

#### CabZin, 2016 Red: Blends (<1.5%)

Brimming with bold black fruit and berry, balanced by earth spice and leathery tannin, this wine exemplifies the mystique of the 4R land. 85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Zinfandel

## **Becker Vineyards**

Located in the Texas Hill Country between Fredericksburg and Stonewall, Becker Vineyards was established in 1992 by Dr. Richard and Bunny Becker. The winery, located in a 19th-century German limestone barn reproduction, is surrounded by lavender, poppy and zinnia fields. The Tasting Room offers an inviting atmosphere with its large, working stone fireplace and antique bar. Each vintage of Becker wine is aged in new French and American white oak barrels and stored in the underground wine cellar or barrel room. Becker Vineyards is open for tastings, tours, wine gift purchases and picnicking. Join Becker Vineyards for the annual Lavender Festival and many events throughout the year.



### Winery Owner: Dr. Richard & Bunny Becker

Winemaker: Jon Leahy 464 Becker Farms Rd. Stonewall, TX 78671

830.644.2681 www.beckervineyards.com



#### Prairie Cuvée, 2015 White: Dry (<1.0%)

Deep notes of stone fruit and mild cardamon give this wine a warm inviting nose. This is a white wine that perfectly captures Texas summers.

#### Fleur Sauvage, 2012 White: Sweet (>1.5%)

Offering an aromatic essences of pineapple and orange with a rich mineral finish, this wine is reminiscent of a Texas April day redolent with the scent of wildflowers.

#### Jolie, 2015 Blush/Rosé

This is a clean, crisp dry rosé made of mourvèdre grapes with minimal skin contact. Enjoy at picnics or on a hot Texas day.

#### Cabernet Sauvignon, 2015 Red: Bold (<1.5%)

This blend of cabernet sauvignon from several Texas vineyards has complex fruit notes, espresso and dark chocolate and is barrel aged for 20 months.

# Bella Stella Winery

Bella Stella Vineyard was established in 2008 and is located east of historic Winnsboro. The vineyard is comprised of several different red and bronze Muscadine varieties including Carlos, Noble, Pam, Ison's and Supreme. The winery opened in October, 2013 and offers four hand-crafted Muscadine wines: Just Right Red, Pear Muscadine, Muscadine Medley and Sweet Red. Bella Blue (blueberry wine) is available seasonally. New this year is This Red's for You, a Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Tempranillo blend. Opa's Kitchen opened in 2014 at the winery and serves authentic German/Bavarian specialties including Wurst Platter, Jäger and Wiener schnitzel, and Apfel Strudel. Wunderbar! The winery and kitchen are open Thursday - Saturday evenings.



# Winery Owner: **Peter & Rebecca Thieme**Winemaker: **Peter Thieme**

879 CR 4440 Winnsboro, TX 75494 903.975.0020 www.bellastellawinery.com



#### Pears Well, 2016 White: Sweet (>1.5%)

Juicy pear plus sweet white Muscadine equals a great wine. This is a refreshing, crisp wine that "pears well" with friends, family, Wednesdays and weekends. Raise your glass to the sweet life!

#### Muscadine Medley, 2016 Blush/Rosé

A delicious blend of Bella Stella Vineyard red and white muscadine grapes, makes it perfect for sippin' on the front porch, picnics, barbecues or as a treat anytime. Nothing's sweeter than Muscadine wine. A 2016 GrapeFest® medal winner.

#### Just Right Red, 2016 Red: Sweet (>1.5%)

Just the right amount of sweetness balanced with the unique flavor of muscadine grapes. An easy drinking, bright and fruity wine that pairs perfectly with that special dinner for two or two hundred. Raise your glass to a true Southern heritage. A 2016 GrapeFest® medal winner.

#### This Red's For You, 2015 Red: Blends (<1.5%)

Enjoy the best of Texas grown grapes, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Tempranillo, blended with care. With notes of black cherry and raspberry, this medium-bodied red pairs well with backyard cook-outs or elegant dinners. Enjoy - for all you do, This Red's for You!



## **Bending Branch Winery**

Bending Branch Winery sits on a beautiful 56-acre Texas Hill Country estate. Established in 2009, Bending Branch is best known for its experimentation in fermentation methods and production processes. Founder Robert W. Young, M.D., uses groundbreaking technology, including Thermoflash and Cryo-Maceration. Young's choice of grape varieties, such as Tannat, Sagrantino, Souzão, Charbono and Picpoul Blanc, is innovative for Texas. Winemaker Greg Stokes has more than 30 years of experience and was the first to bottle Tannat in California. He and his wife Deborah Elissagaray were named Best El Dorado County Winemaker at the 2017 El Dorado County Fair Wine Competition. Bending Branch Winery was voted Best Texas Winery in the 2015 - 2017 San Antonio Express-News Readers' Choice Awards and was also the Critics' Choice in 2014 and 2017. The tasting rooms at the winery and in historic downtown Comfort are open Thursday through Sunday.



#### Winery Owner: Robert W. Young, MD Winemaker: Robert Young & Greg Stokes

142 Lindner Branch Trail Comfort, TX 78013 830.995.5850 www.bendingbranchwinery.com



#### Branch Texas White, NV White Blends (<1.5%)

Floral honeysuckle aromas and stone fruit flavors emanate from this refreshing white blend. This wine pairs well with light salads and cheeses.

#### Mourvèdre Reddy, 2014 Red: Medium (<1.5%)

This wine is fermented with Cryo-Maceration. It's a light-bodied easy drinker with aromas and notes of dried rose petals, ripe strawberry, black cherry and baking spices.

#### Tempranillo Newsom, 2014 Red: Bold (<1.5%)

A combination of 2/3 cryomaceration and 1/3 regular fermentation was used to produce this luscious wine. It elicits flavors of pepper, blackberry cobbler, blueberries, dates, cigar box and licorice.

#### Branch Texas Red, NV Red: Blends (<1.5%)

Acidity and structure strike a balance in this approachable, full-bodied red blend. Pair it with pork loin, pasta with tomato sauce or grilled beef.

# **Bingham Family Vineyards**

Bingham Family Vineyards is a multigenerational wine growing family that promises the curious wine explorer a joyful experience through 100% Texas grown wines. After planting their first grapes in 2004, the Bingham's began producing a wide selection of their own varietal estate wines in 2014. They grow 2,000 acres of organic crops as well as over 200 acres of vines. The Texas High Plains AVA, at 3,500 feet above sea level, has great soil, with low rainfall and humidity to help limit vine disease while the hot days and cool nights improve the fruits quality.



#### Winery Owner: **Cliff & Betty Bingham & Family** Winemaker: **Daniel Bingham & Manuel Lechuga**

620 S. Main St. Grapevine, TX 76051 682.651.8668 www.Bingham.wine



#### Trebbiano, 2014 White: Dry (<1.0%)

This gold medal-winning wine is mild and easy to drink. A very approachable wine for connoisseurs and new wine explorers alike.

#### Cloudburst, 2014 White Blends (<1.5%)

This white wine is a smooth blend of Trebbiano, Vermentino, Roussanne, Viognier and Chardonnay with a medium body ending with a hint of apple and is a nine-time award winner. The High Plains has a very dry climate, but when rain comes, it very often comes quickly and yet in a very refreshing way.

#### Tempranillo, 2014 Red: Bold (<1.5%)

This award-winning Tempranillo is aged more than 18 months in oak and has flavors of plum and cinnamon spice. Wonderful for drinking now or for stocking your cellar. This Texan grown grape has a heritage as the noble grape of Spain.

#### Dirt Farmer, 2014 Red: Blends (<1.5%)

Tempranillo, Merlot, Dolcetto and Cabernet Sauvignon are blended in this multiple award winning wine with flavors of blackberry and dried figs as bold and adventurous as the Texas High Plains. 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.

# **Blue Ostrich Winery & Vineyard**

Blue Ostrich Winery & Vineyard sits on a beautiful green hilltop in the Red River Valley just north of the Dallas/Fort Worth area. Established in 2011 and owned and operated by the Fredrick and Whitehead families, it is a multi-award winning winery with over 7,700 producing vines. The tasting room and open-air covered patio are open to the public at noon Thursday through Sunday. The staff places a premium on offering guests wonderful hospitality, scenic views of the family's working cattle ranch (adjacent to the vineyard), and of course a wide selection of quality Texas wines, both sweet and dry. By the way, they really DO have ostriches.



# Winery Owner: The Whitehead & Fredrick Families

Winemaker: **Patrick Whitehead** 5611 FM 2382

> Saint Jo, TX 76265 940.995.3100 www.blueostrich.net



#### Vin Blanc, 2015 White: Off Dry (<1.5%)

These grapes were grown on the High Plains of West Texas then crushed, fermented and finished at the winery. A crisp and clean table wine that pairs well with rich and creamy cheeses and lighter fare like chicken tarragon or grilled tilapia.

#### Pink Muscat, 2016 Blush/Rosé

This sweet and fruity table wine that complements late summer and early fall evenings on the patio. The initial sensation on the palate is like biting into a juicy tangerine. Lots of citrus with a touch of honeysuckle.

#### Dolcetto, 2016 Red: Medium (<1.5%)

Ripe stone fruit and bright berry aromas make this medium bodied red wine such a charmer. As a primary grape of the Tuscan region of Italy, Dolcetto is well adapted to rugged Texas growing conditions. Enjoy with pizza or pasta with red sauce.

#### Brüder, 2014 Red: Bold (<1.5%)

Brüder is the German word for brother and this wine is a tribute to founding brothers, Stan and John Fredrick. The noble grape of Spain is grown on the Blue Ostrich Estate. Aged for almost of two years in American oak barrels offering classic Spanish red wine characteristics and essence of campfire smoke. Rich leather and traces of a cigar box make for a hearty and robust dry red.

# **Bluff Dale Vineyards**

Founded in 2003 and located an hour southwest of the Dallas Fort Worth area Bluff Dale sits atop the foothills of the hill country at 1000 feet in elevation. The winery offers extremely low production wines specializing in Cabernet blends and has been voted the best view in Texas.



# Winery Owner: **David Hayes**Winemaker: **Chris Hayes**5222 CR 148

Bluff Dale, TX 76433 254.728.3540 www.bluffdalevineyards.com



#### Dulcet, NV White: Dry (<1.0%)

The ultimate summer wine with ripe citrus notes emulating warm weather Sauvignon Blanc is always a great choice for the summer months.

#### Merlot, 2013 Red: Medium (<1.5%)

A Bordeaux-styled Merlot with notes of cedar, strawberry and cured meats. Not your overripe fruity style, this wine is elegant, balanced and belongs on the dinner table.

#### Whetstone Cabernet Reserve, NV Red: Bold (<1.5%)

Using 100% estate fruit gives this wine a beast of a mouthfeel and features notes of graphite, vanilla oak, minerals, ripe blueberry and blackberry. This wine will need time but is making its debut here.

#### Paragon, NV Red: Blends (<1.5%)

This two-time GrapeFest® champion is blended to mimic a smooth Pinot Noir. With a nose of Crème Brulée and a soft blackberry, kirsch mouthfeel, this red blend is delicious.

## **Brennan Vineyards**

Founded in 2001, Brennan Vineyards is home to 10 different varieties of grapes and 19 different wines. The tasting room is located in Comanche, Texas in one of the oldest homesteads in Texas, built in 1876. Brennan Vineyards wines may also be found off Highway 290 at 4.0 Cellars in the Texas Hill Country.



Winery Owner: Pat Brennan Winemaker: Todd Webster 802 S. Austin St. Comanche, TX 76442 325.356.9100 www.brennanvineyards.com



#### Classic Viognier, 2015 White: Dry (<1.0%)

A dry, medium-full bodied white wine with fruit flavors of grilled peaches, Meyer lemons and a lengthy finish of honeysuckle and white flowers.

#### Three White Chicks, 2016 White: Sweet (>1.5%)

This light-bodied white wine has dominant floral notes of white flowers and tropical fruits. It's slightly sweet and is the perfect patio or poolside sipper.

### Cabernet Sauvignon, 2015 Red: Bold (<1.5%)

A dry, full-bodied red wine, features flavors of ripe black cherries and blackberries.

#### Buffalo Roam, 2015 Red: Blends (<1.5%)

Enjoy this dry, medium-bodied red wine with flavors of sour cherries and red currants, as well as non-fruit flavors of sage and wood smoke. Pairs well with pizza, barbeque and grilled meats.

## **Bull Lion Ranch & Vineyard**

The Tordiglione Family - Bull Lion Ranch was established in 1989 as a working cattle operation in Chalk Mountain, Texas. In 2010, the vineyard was added and the winery began in 2014. The 7.5-acre vineyard has been planted with seven grape varieties that include: Sangiovese, Montepulciano, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Pinot Grigio, Malbec and Tempranillo. The family has been growing wine for more than 100 years near Bonita, Italy and are proud to carry on the heritage here on the ranch in Chalk Mountain, Texas. They hope you enjoy the wines, and believe you will find them all to be made with amore. The winery is located an hour southwest of Fort Worth, near Glen Rose, Texas.



#### Winery Owner: Chuck & Cyndi Tordiglione Winemaker: Patrick Johnson

8216 County Rd. 539 Hico, TX 76457 817.996.9170 www.bulllionranchandvineyard.com



#### Trebbiano Dry, 2016 White: Dry (<1.0%)

Light, clean and crisp, this is the perfect summer wine and a favorite at the VIP Dinner, 2017 Granbury Wine Walk.

#### Sangiovese, 2015 Red: Medium (<1.5%)

A medium-bodied dry Italian variety, perfect for those who like something a little fruity but not sweet. Pairs nicely with a good steak or fine pasta dish, it will be quickly embraced by Texas wine fans.

#### Cabernet Sauvignon, 2015 Red: Bold (<1.5%)

This is a true Texas grown Cabernet from plants that love the North Texas ranch country. The soils and climate seem to fit this particular varietal and the wine takes on this character with a full body Texas Cab flavor. A Bronze medal winner at the 2017 Lone Star International Wine Competition.

#### Texianti, 2015 Red: Blends (<1.5%)

This is a Texas Italian version of their family Chianti blend. This blend of grapes compares to a beautiful oldworld chianti. Medium body, fruity with a peppery back end. Silver medal winner at 2017 Lonestar International Wine Competition.

## **Chisholm Trail Winery**

Chisholm Trail Winery celebrated its 15th anniversary in 2016 and is located nine miles west of Fredericksburg off Hwy. 290 West, 2.4 miles south on Usener Rd. It is the home of "The Spirit of the Old West" where Longhorn cattle and miniature donkeys roam freely by the scenic Spring Creek. The spectrum of award-winning wines available at the winery are all handcrafted by Paula K. Williamson. The winery has a large saloon-style tasting room and is open Sunday, Monday and Thursday from noon until 5 pm on Monday and noon until 6 pm on Friday and Saturday. Wood-fired gourmet pizza is also served most Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. In addition, the winery hosts special events throughout the year. The winery is a proud member of Fredericksburg Wine Road 290 and The Texas Hill Country Wineries. Chisholm Trail will be hosting a European River Wine Cruise on the Rhine from Busal to Amsterdam in March and April, 2018, so come on board for an exciting adventure.



# Winery Owner: **Paula K. Williamson**Winemaker: **Paula K. Williamson**

2367 Usener Rd. Fredericksburg, TX 78624 830.990.2675 www.chisholmtrailwinery.com



#### Belle Starr, 2012 White: Off Dry (<1.5%)

Offering light peach and apple aroma with tastes of ripe persimmon and orange.

#### High Noon III, 2015 White: Sweet (>1.5%)

With an aroma of honeysuckle, experience a taste of honey with a hint of banana and grapefruit.

#### Lone Wolf, 2013 Red: Bold (<1.5%)

The dark chocolate aroma with tastes of cherry and orange is followed by a very smooth finish with a hint of nutmeg.

#### Ghost Rider, 2015 Red: Sweet (>1.5%)

The strawberry aroma with tastes of raspberry, blackberry and cinnamon gives way to the Jolly Rancher candy style finish.

## **Cross Timbers Winery**

Cross Timbers Winery is located in the historical Dorris Brock Family farm house. The house was built in 1874 by Dr. Dorris who arrived on the Grape Vine Prairie from Starkville, Mississippi. It has been recognized as one of the five oldest structures in Grapevine, and has been renovated to capture the design and spirit of its original builders. In the tasting room, one can experience a range of tantalizing flavors from sweet Muscat Canelli to bold and full-bodied Tempranillo and Malbec. There is a large outdoor seating area including a covered patio. Cross Timbers hosts private events including weddings, corporate events, birthday parties and everything in between!



Winery Owner: **Penny Bigbie**Winemaker: **Kim McPherson & Gabe Parker** 

805 N. Main St. Grapevine, TX 76051 817.488.6789 www.crosstimberswinery.com



#### Grapevine White, NV White Blends (<1.5%)

This semi-dry wine features citrus and is crisp on the finish. This wine pairs nicely with spicy foods.

#### Texas Blush, NV Blush/Rosé

With aromas and flavors of Granny Smith apples, tropical fruits and citrus spice, this wine appeals to white and red drinkers alike.

#### Grapevine Red, NV Red: Sweet (>1.5%)

A sweet table red features hints of strawberry, vanilla and plum. Serve chilled or at room temperature.

# **Delaney Vineyards**

Delaney Vineyards was established in 1996 by native Texan Jerry Delaney. The winery produces a variety of award-winning estate wines, from crisp whites to bold red and refreshing sweet wines. Delaney Vineyards chateau is a fully-functioning vineyard and winery nestled among 10-acres of lush and picturesque vineyards. It is a breathtaking backdrop for unforgettable weddings and private events. They are open to the public for wine tasting and tours Tuesday through Saturday.



### Winery Owner: Jerry Delaney

Winemaker: Chris Hull 2000 Champagne Blvd. Grapevine, TX 76051 817.481.5668 www.delaneyvineyards.com



#### Chardonnay, 2014 White: Dry (<1.0%)

This chardonnay is vented according to Southern Burgundy traditions. It boasts a hint of vanilla and creamy buttery notes.

#### Pinot Noir, 2011 Red: Light (<1.5%)

Light and bright with strawberry and rose petal aromas, this Texas grown Pinot Noir has a rich deep purple color with a smooth bouquet of Bing cherry and a soft finish.

#### Cynthiana, 2014 Red: Medium (<1.5%)

This grape produces a deep, rich, dark cherry color and superb smoothness. Enjoy plum and dried raspberry aromas.

## **Enoch's Stomp**

Enoch's Stomp is an 89-acre estate nestled in the rolling hills of East Texas. Enoch's Stomp specializes in producing premium wines from grape varietals well suited to the East Texas terroir. The winery produces 3,500 cases a year. The beauty of Enoch's property cannot be overstated as it sits on a hilltop surrounded by acres of meticulously-manicured grapes and lush green meadows. The winery is open for tastings and the restaurant serves lunch Wednesday through Sunday with dinner on Friday and Saturday with live local musicians.



# Winery Owner: **Jon Kral & Altus Koegelenberg**Winemaker: **Jon Kral & Altus Koegelenberg**

871 Ferguson Rd. Harleton, TX 75651 903.240.1587 www.enochsstomp.com



#### Muscat Canelli, 2015 White: Sweet (>1.5%)

Muscat Canelli thrives in the warm climate of Texas, where it takes on its own nuance and character with pungent floral aromas of honeysuckle, jasmine and orange blossom with sweet flavors of peach, nectarine, apricot and lemon. Taste and see - it is all sweetness and light.

#### Susan's Secret, 2016 Blush/Rosé

As a light rosé, this wine embodies all the qualities of a true blush wine being light, fruity, aromatic and slightly sweet. It dazzles the senses by combining the acidic bite of apple with the lush flavors of pineapple and cherry.

#### Norton, 2014 Red: Medium (<1.5%)

Prior to Prohibition, many years before the rise of Napa Valley wines, this grape dominated the scene. Wineries from the East coast to the Midwest popularized this wine, giving it a reputation as "the Cabernet of the East." With black cherry and blackberry flavors, it is estategrown in the vineyards of East Texas and oaked for 20 months.

#### All Y'all, NV Red: Blends (<1.5%)

Traditionally, blends want to capture the best characteristics of each grape varietal, with the resulting combination to be greater than the sum of its parts. A blend of five Texas-grown varietals: Montepulciano, Dolcetto, Cabernet Sauvignon, Norton and Viognier. A very approachable yet complex, dark berry flavored medium-bodied wine which remains soft, smooth and finely balanced.

#### Flat Creek Estate

Rick & Madelyn Naber founded Flat Creek Estate in 1999. There are 20-acres of planted vineyards and the 10,000 case winery specializes in Italian varietal wines. Nestled in the Hill Country just West of Austin, the property is a must see for Texas wine aficionados.



# Winery Owner: **Rick & Madelyn Naber**Winemaker: **Tim Drake**

24912 Singleton Bend Rd. E Marble Falls, TX 78654 512.267.6310 www.flatcreekestate.com



#### Pinot Grigio, 2016 White: Dry (<1.0%)

Crafted in a fashion of high-caliber Italian producers, this wine is Sur Lie aged to give it great volume and depth. Enjoy with seared scallops or raw oysters

#### Viognier, 2016 White Blends (<1.5%)

Clean and fresh aromas with hints of tropical fruit, apricot and mango carry through on the palate. A sophisticated white wine, enjoy it with poached sea bass or smoked salmon.

#### Tempranillo, 2013 Red: Bold (<1.5%)

The 26 months of Sur Lie aging has given this bold red softness and an easy drinking tannin mouth feel. The wine features lots of dark berry flavors and pairs well with grilled venison loin or smoked brisket.

## Haak Vineyards & Winery

Established in 2000, Haak Vineyards and Winery is an award-winning, family-owned winery located in Santa Fe, Texas. With founders Gladys and Raymond Haak at the helm, it has become known for producing unique wines from two grapes that are new to the wine world, Blanc du Bois and Black Spanish or Jacquez grapes, which produce particularly distinctive wines. They source their fruit from the three acres of Blanc du Bois grown on the property as well as from vineyards in Texas and the Texas High Plains. The first and only working vineyard in Galveston County, they are open to the public for tours and tastings daily.



# Winery Owner: **Raymond Haak**Winemaker: **Tiffany Farrell**

6310 Ave. T Santa Fe, TX 77510 409.925.1401 www.haakwine.com



#### Sweet Blanc de Bois, 2016 White: Sweet (>1.5%)

Pineapple, guava and papaya give way to shades of grapefruit and lemon zest. The palate is alive with luscious late-harvest peach, apricot and Granny Smith apple flavors that end in a soft and refreshing ruby grapefruit for a mellow and lingering finish.

#### Texas Rosé, 2015 Blush/Rosé

This wine has a bouquet of strawberries, raspberries, ripe pears, watermelon and white flowers with a hint of earthiness and minerality. This is a pleasant, easy-drinking wine with a medium acidity and a well-balanced palate. It will seduce you by its freshness and elegance.

#### Amorcito Red, NV Red: Sweet (>1.5%)

This is a unique sweet red wine and is designed to please a variety of palates. It is a perfect harmony of sweet and spicy with ripe and juicy flavors and a medium tannin finish. Very rich, with aromas of wild strawberries and sweet cherries. It can be served chilled to bring out the bright red berry flavors.

#### Tres Tintos, 2015 Red: Blends (<1.5%)

This blend offers a complex, well-rounded brooding character. It displays aromas of black cherries, plums and ripe, red strawberries with a hint of cinnamon and mocha. It is medium-bodied on the palate with a rich, juicy and toasty vanilla finish.

## **Homestead Winery**

Homestead Winery is the oldest continually-operating winery in the Red River Valley of North Texas. Barbara and Gabe Parker started Homestead desiring to continue the Parker family farming tradition begun by Gabe's grandfather more than 100 years ago. The vineyard was planted in 1983 starting with Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay. There are three tasting rooms where you can enjoy their wines, the Ivanhoe tasting room is located inside the old Parker house which was built by Gabe's grandfather in the 1890's. Enjoy your tasting sitting in one of the indoor rocking chairs or on the front porch swing. The Grapevine tasting room is situated in an 1890s Victorian home just off historic Main Street. Stop by and explore both the Homestead and international wine selections. The Denison tasting room is located in the historic area of downtown Denison. While exploring the wine, you can also enjoy the craft beers from Ivanhoe Ale Works. They are the first winery-brewery in Texas.



# Winery Owner: Gabe & Barbara Parker Winemaker: Chris McRoberts

269 CR 2041 Ivanhoe, TX 75447 903.583.4281 www.homesteadwinery.com



#### Ivanhoe Peach, NV White: Sweet (>1.5%)

Ivanhoe Peach was created with Texas High Plains Muscat Canelli with peach essence. It has become a Homestead favorite with the summer sweetness of fresh-picked peaches. Enjoy by the poolside, back porch and with friends.

#### Harvest Rosé, NV Blush/Rosé

An off dry blend of Texas High Plains Muscat Canelli and Ruby Cab grapes, this chilled Rosé has soft, light crisp hints of strawberries and pairs nicely with an evening on your back porch.

#### Malbec, 2015 Red: Bold (<1.5%)

From the Texas High Plains, this Malbec was created and aged for 12 months in American Oak barrels. As you enjoy this wine, let the hints of earth mixed with plums, black cherry and spices take over your taste buds. Cheers!

## **Hye Meadow Winery**

Hye Meadow Winery is a destination to discover wine, natural beauty and Texas hospitality in historic Hye, Texas. Their goal is to fulfill and excite curious, open-hearted wine lovers with a range of intriguing whites and hearty Mediterranean-based reds. The boutique wines are served in a modern tasting room that overlooks the 42 oak-studded acres. With three decks, a relaxed attitude and a staff that loves to talk wine, they hope to share their love of wine with you. The winery is located on Wine Road 290 and is open six days a week.



# Winery Owner: Mike & Denise Batek Winemaker: Mike Batek

10257 W Hwy 290 Hye, TX 78635 855.493.9463 www.hyemeadow.com



#### Junkyard White, 2016 White: Dry (<1.0%)

On the nose are flavors of tropical pawpaw fruit along with whiffs of macadamia nuts. The first sip is a step towards relaxation with the light acidity, a spritz of blood orange essence and a slight mineral finish. This dry wine offers the perfect pairing to any poolside, back porch or dinner table.

#### Rosato, 2016 Blush/Rosé

The aromatic allure of a white, the gentle structure of a red - all rolled into one. This blend of Texas-grown Italian grape varietals provides floral notes with a hint of strawberry and kiwi. The notes of strawberry rhubarb jam on the palate provide a refreshing complement with the balanced acid that gives way to a clean minerality that can be best described as a Houdini finish.

#### Hye Jinx, 2015 Red: Sweet (>1.5%)

This is an unabashedly midweight, off-dry, soft and easy to drink wine. Light ruby and almost translucent in color, this blend highlights the fresh cherry of the Mourvèdre (70%) with the dark, creamy finish of the Carignane (30%). The combination gives an aromatic lift.

#### Junkyard Red, 2015 Red: Blends (<1.5%)

This light-to-medium-bodied red blend is soft-textured with smooth cherry flavors on the palate and subtle oak aromas of maple, caramel and vanilla. Pour this wine slightly chilled with lighter fare or room temperature with meats and sauce dishes.

## **Kissing Tree Vineyards**

Kissing Tree Vineyards was founded in 2014 in Eddy, Texas. The name Kissing Tree comes from a special tree near the vineyard where owners Chris and Crystal Grider shared their first kiss as high school sweethearts. They hope to inspire romance with each artfully-crafted bottle of Kissing Tree Vineyards wine.



#### Winery Owner: **Christopher Grider** Winemaker: **Christopher and Crystal Grider**

830 FM 1950 Eddy, TX 76524 214.862.7446 www.kissingtreevineyards.com



#### Blanc du Bois, 2016 White: Dry (<1.0%)

A crisp dry white with a beautiful note of grapefruit in the finish.

#### White Merlot, 2016 Blush/Rosé

A lightly sweet rosé with rich notes of strawberry up front and a cranberry twist in the finish.

#### Sangiovese, 2016 Red: Medium (<1.5%)

A dry complex red with notes of dark cherry, fig and tobacco.

#### Merlot, 2014 Red: Bold (<1.5%)

A well balanced melody of blackberry and oak with a hint of vanilla in the finish.

## **Landon Winery**

Founded in 2005, Landon Winery has locations in Wylie, McKinney and Greenville, Texas. Landon has produced a variety of award winning wines.



### Winery Owner: Katie & Bob Landon

Winemaker: **Bob Landon** 101 N. Kentucky St. McKinney, TX 75069 972.542.3030 www.landonwinery.com



#### Viognier, 2016 White: Dry (<1.0%)

This is a dry white wine with flavors of peach, melon, wet stone and a hint of citrus.

#### Yellow Rose, NV White: Sweet (>1.5%)

A refreshingly and wonderful white wine with a hint of sweetness, it displays orchard flavors of apple, peach, pear and apricot.

#### Pinot Noir, 2015 Red: Light (<1.5%)

The light-bodied, fresh red wine with soft tannins is bright with balanced acidity and spicy undertones of toasted oak and flavors of fruity cherry and raspberry.

#### Tempranillo, 2015 Red: Medium (<1.5%)

A Spanish-style wine with cherry and plum flavors followed by a round tannic finish.

# Lenoir-Sage Vineyards

Lenoir-Sage Vineyards was established in 2002 with the planting of several hundred chardonnay and merlot vines. The vineyard has grown to almost five acres with six varietals. The tasting room opened in 2008 and has been expanded to include an activity room that can accommodate 50 people. It is a family-owned business with the owners being the only full time employees.



# Winery Owner: Michael & Adell Wiggins Winemaker: Michael & Adell Wiggins

2277 Hayden Hall Rd. Bells, TX 75414 903.821.6773 www.lenoir-sagevineyards.com



#### Viognier, 2016 White: Dry (<1.0%)

Non oaked and finished in stainless steel, this wine is robust without harsh tannins and has a crisp finish.

#### Bianco Salvia, NV White Blends (<1.5%)

This white blend of three varietals with a very floral nose and a crisp finish, is a perfect for the appetizer course.

#### Bells Rose, NV Blush/Rosé

This is a light fruity wine that chills well. It is perfect for a hot Texas afternoon and pairs well with spicy barbeque or Tex-Mex.

#### Red Stuff, NV Red: Sweet (>1.5%)

A wine with a great nose and a great taste. It is a fun wine for evening festivities.

# Llano Estacado Winery

Founded in 1976, 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 thousands of awards and accolades over the years. Customers can find Llano Estacado's wines in broad market distribution across Texas and in several other states and countries.



#### Winery Owner: **Mark Hyman** Winemaker: **Greg Bruni & Jason Centanni**

3426 E. FM 1585 Lubbock, TX 79404 817.329.3890 www.llanowine.com



#### Pinot Grigio, 2016 White: Off Dry (<1.5%)

Beautiful, fruity aromatics turn into a fragrant wine with fresh fruit aromas of melon, lemon and grapefruit. This is a perfect appetizer or reception wine and pairs well with all types of salads and lighter seafood.

#### Cellar Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, 2014

Red: Medium (<1.5%)

The aromas are intoxicating, offering jammy notes of blackberry cobbler, black cherries and Spanish cedar. Jeremy Wilson, Texas Wine Lover, says "This wine may very well be the 'best' cabernet I have ever tasted from Texas! No joke people, this wine is off the charts."

#### Viviano, 2014 Red: Blends (<1.5%)

This is a lush, smooth super-Tuscan-style red that will have you craving your favorite pasta, red sauce and garlic. Winner of the Lone Star International Wine Best Red Wine more times than any other.

## Los Pinos Ranch Vineyards

Los Pino's Ranch Vineyards is a destination winery located just two hours east of Dallas. Started in 2000, 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 jazz and Tuscan cottages for overnight rental. A great selection of Dry Boutique Wines produced from the Texas High Plains vineyards and Sweet Whimsical Wines complement the delicious cuisine for those seeking a bit of escapism, wine and romance. Artisan wine and cuisine with real Texas swagger.



# Winery Owner: **Gerald Jones**Winemaker: **Arnulfo Perez**658 CR 1334 Pittsburg, TX 75686 903.855.1769 www.lospinosranchvineyards.com



#### Blanco Grande, 2016 White: Off Dry (<1.5%)

Crafted for those who appreciate the care that goes into creating fine, dry white wines. Cold fermented in stainless steel, it delivers on a fresh fruit medley with aromas of banana, honeysuckle, peach and pear. It finishes with notes of grapefruit, green apple, lemonlime and mineral and pairs well with mild cheeses, salads, seafood, pastas and chicken.

#### Blanc du Bois, NV White: Sweet (>1.5%)

Created in a French-style, this American hybrid is a sweet white wine with tastes of melon, peach, pear and lemon citrus. It has profound aromas and flavorful notes of honeysuckle throughout. Serve chilled, this smooth and sophisticated Parisian twist goes with just about everything.

#### Cabernet Sauvignon, 2015 Red: Bold (<1.5%)

A mystical tour of black bell pepper, black currant jam, blackberries, black cherry, leather, rolled tobacco, caramel and subtle cocoa. Aging 13 months in American and French oak barrels round out the hints of toasted oak and soft, smooth tannins. A haunting, lingering nose equal to its finish makes for a bold red wine statement that pairs well with all things Texas.

#### Besitos de Chocolate, NV Red: Sweet (>1.5%)

This wine is full of mystery and surprises. An illusion in a bottle where chocolate-covered strawberries kiss Black Spanish Lenoir grapes to offer an artful, masterful, universal language of love. Life is short, so embrace and enjoy the sweet surprise of little chocolate kisses each and every day.

# **Ballot Worksheet**

White: Dry (<1.0%)	☐ Bull Lion Ranch Trebbiano Dry, 2016			
─ 4R Ranch Vineyards ─ Viognier Estate, 2016	Delaney Vineyards Chardonnay, 2014			
Becker Vineyards Prairie Cuvée, 2015	Flat Creek Estate Pinot Grigio, 2016			
☐ Bingham Family Vineyards ☐ Trebbiano, 2014	Hye Meadow Winery Junkyard White, 2016			
☐ Bluff Dale Vineyards ☐ Dulcet, NV				
Brennan Vineyards Classic Viognier, 2015	Candon Winery Viognier, 2016			
White: Off Dry (<1.5%)	Llano Estacado Winery Pinot Grigio, 2016			
☐ Blue Ostrich Winery Vin Blanc, 2015	☐ Los Pinos Ranch Vineyards Blanco Grande, 2016			
Chisholm Trail Winery Belle Starr, 2012	Messina Hof Winery Father & Son Cuvee, 2016			
White: Sweet (>1.5%)	Chisholm Trail Winery High Noon III, 2015			
4R Ranch Vineyards Nectar, 2016	Enoch's Stomp Muscat Canelli, 2015			
Becker Vineyards Fleur Sauvage, 2012	☐ Haak Vineyards Sweet Blanc de Bois, 2016			
Bella Stella Winery Pears Well, 2016	Homestead Winery Ivanhoe Peach, NV			
Brennan Vineyards Three White Chicks, 2016	Candon Winery Yellow Rose, NV			
White: Blends (<1.5%)	Cross Timbers Winery Grapevine White, NV			
Bending Branch Winery Branch Texas White, NV	☐ Flat Creek Estate Viognier, 2016			
☐ Bingham Family Vineyards Cloudburst, 2014	Lenoir-Sage Vineyards Bianco Salvia, NV			
Blush/Rosé	Cross Timbers Winery Texas Blush, NV			
Becker Vineyards Jolie, 2015	Enoch's Stomp Susan's Secret, 2016			
Bella Stella Winery Muscadine Medley, 2016	Haak Vineyards Texas Rosé, 2015			
Blue Ostrich Winery Pink Muscat, 2016	Homestead Winery Harvest Rosé, NV			

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Viognier, 2016	Red Caboose Willery Roussanne, 2015
Old Man Scary Cellars Viognier, 2015	Silver Dollar Winery Silver Strike Viognier, 2014
Paris Vineyards Dry Blanc du Bois, NV	Sunset Winery Butteroak Chardonnay, 2010
Pillar Bluff Vineyards Riesling, 2016	Chardonnay Estate, 2015
Pilot Knob Vineyards Chardonnay, 2016	Texas Legato Wine Club White, 2015
Pleasant Hill Winery Sauvignon Blanc, 2016	Carry Wedding Oak Winery Roussanne, 2016
Red Road Vineyard Sedoga, NV	Woodrose Winery Blanc du Bois, 2009
Wedding Oak Winery Bridal Veil, 2016	
☐ <b>Wine Fusion Winery</b> Life's A Beach, 2015	
Los Pinos Ranch Vineyards Blanc du Bois, NV	Pleasant Hill Winery Blanc du Bois, NV
Life's A Peach, 2015	Red Road Vineyard Aracelli, 2014
Messina Hof Winery Angel Late Harvest Riesling, NV	☐ Tara Vineyard ☐ Something Sweet, NV
Paris Vineyards Blanc du Bois, NV	Wine Fusion Winery Peachy Keen, 2016
Pillar Bluff Vineyards Kitty, 2016	
Old Man Scary Cellars Prima Volta, 2015	Woodrose Winery Three Dog White, 2012
Silver Dollar Winery IM'Peached, 2015	
Texas Legato Blanc Cubed, 2014	
Hye Meadow Winery Rosato, 2016	Red Caboose Winery Zin Rose, NV
	Red Road Vineyard TexZin, 2016
Lenoir-Sage Vineyards Bells Rose, NV	Sunset Winery Pink Rainbows, NV
Pleasant Hill Winery Rose, NV	

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Rea: Light (<1.5%)	Pinot Noir, 2015		
Delaney Vineyards Pinot Noir, 2011	Messina Hof Winery Private Res Pinot Noir, 2016		
Red: Medium (<1.5%)	Bull Lion Ranch Sangiovese, 2015		
4R Ranch Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon Estate, 2013	Delaney Vineyards Cynthiana, 2014		
Bending Branch Winery Mourvedre Reddy, 2014	Enoch's Stomp Norton, 2014		
Blue Ostrich Winery Dolcetto, 2016	Kissing Tree Vineyards Sangiovese, 2016		
Bluff Dale Vineyards Merlot, 2013	Landon Winery Tempranillo, 2015		
Red: Bold (<1.5%)	Brennan Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon, 2015		
Becker Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon, 2015	Bull Lion Ranch Cabernet Sauvignon, 2015		
Bending Branch Winery Tempranillo Newsome, 2014	Chisholm Trail Winery Lone Wolf, 2013		
Bingham Family Vineyards Tempranillo, 2014	Flat Creek Estate Tempranillo, 2013		
Blue Ostrich Winery Brüder, 2014	Homestead Winery Malbec, 2015		
Bluff Dale Vineyards Whetstone Cab Res, NV	Kissing Tree Vineyards Merlot, 2014		
Red: Sweet (>1.5%)	Cross Timbers Winery Grapevine Red, NV		
Bella Stella Winery Just Right Red, 2016	Haak Vineyards Amorcito Red, NV		
Chisholm Trail Winery Ghost Rider, 2015	Hye Meadow Winery Hye Jinx, 2015		
Red: Blends (<1.5%)	Bluff Dale Vineyards Paragon, NV		
4R Ranch Vineyards CabZin, 2016	Brennan Vineyards Buffalo Roam, 2015		
Bella Stella Winery This Red's For You, 2015	Bull Lion Ranch Texianti, 2015		
Bending Branch Winery Branch Texas Red, NV	Enoch's Stomp All Y'all, NV		
Bingham Family Vineyards Dirt Farmer, 2014	Haak Vineyards Tres Tintos, 2015		

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Silver Dollar Winery

Peace <sup>*</sup> Maker Merlot Res, 2014		
Woodrose Winery Zinfandel, 2009		
Cellar Res Cabernet Sauvignon, 2014	<sub>1</sub>	Tara Vineyard Texas Dolcetto, 2012
Messina Hof Winery GSM, NV		<b>Texas Hills Vineyard</b> Cabernet Franc, 2011
Petite Sirah, 2015		Wedding Oak Winery Sangiovese, 2015
Pleasant Hill Winery Sangiovese, 2015		
Red Road Vineyard Dearg, NV		
Los Pinos Ranch Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon, 2015		Texas Legato Malbec, 2014
Lost Oak Winery Tempranillo, 2016		Wedding Oak Winery Tempranillo Reserve, 2015
Red Caboose Winery Touriga Nacional, 2012		Woodrose Winery Tempranillo, 2015
Sunset Winery "Twilight Tango" Malbec, 2007		
Tara Vineyard Lenoir, 2012		
Texas Hills Vineyard Kick Butt Cab, 2014		
Lenoir-Sage Vineyards Red Stuff, NV		Old Man Scary Cellars Valevento, 2015
Los Pinos Ranch Vineyards Besitos de Chocolate, NV		Sunset Winery Redhead, NV
Cost Oak Winery Dolce Rouge, 2016		
Hye Meadow Winery  Junkyard Red, 2015		Red Caboose Winery Lenoir Tempranillo, 2014
Llano Estacado Winery Viviano, 2014		Silver Dollar Winery lke's Red, 2015
Lost Oak Winery Rain Dance Red, 2015		Tara Vineyard Stagecoach, NV
Old Man Scary Cellars Eclexia, NV		Texas Hills Vineyard Cinque Vino Rosso, 2013
Pillar Bluff Vineyards Founder's Red, NV		Texas Legato Family Reunion, 2015
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## **Lost Oak Winery**

Lone Oak Vineyards was sold in 2006, moved to Burleson, south of Fort Worth and renamed Lost Oak Winery. The five acres of estate vineyards produce Shiraz, Tempranillo, Malvasia Bianca and Blanc du Bois varieties. The 52-acres of trees, hike and bike trails and village creek includes a special events center, which is perfect for weddings and private events.



# Winery Owner: Gene Estes Winemaker: Jim Evans 8101 CR 802 Burleson, TX 76028 817.426.6625 www.lostoakwinery.com



#### Life's A Peach, 2015 White: Sweet (>1.5%)

With a rich, velvety peach aroma with a natural peach flavor, this wine is perfect with salted almonds, spicy cheese and dessert.

#### Tempranillo, 2016 Red: Bold (<1.5%)

A beautiful garnet hue with light smoke and mellow tobacco aromas greet this wine. Rich cherries and vanilla complement the smoke and tobacco on the palate.

#### Dolce Rouge, 2016 Red: Sweet (>1.5%)

Fruity and smooth, this medium-bodied sweet red wine has excellent profiles of spice, sugar and acid. The smooth and lingering after taste makes for a wonderful summer, or winter, sipping experience. A perfect wine for those that don't like it so dry.

#### Rain Dance Red, 2015 Red: Blends (<1.5%)

This earthy and oaky wine has hints of tobacco and cherry that dance on the palate.

# **Messina Hof Winery**

Messina Hof was founded in 1977 by Paul and Merrill Bonarrigo whose family have been making wine for 200 years from their roots in Sicily to pioneering the Texas wine industry. Their production went from making 1300 gallons in 1983, to almost 200,000 gallons in 2017. An industry leader in the production of Texas wine made with Texas grapes and the most awarded winery in Texas, the winery makes more than 90 different wines from 38 varieties of grapes. They have locations in Bryan, Fredericksburg and Grapevine.



# Winery Owner: **Paul Bonarrigo**Winemaker: **Paul Bonarrigo**

201 E. Main St Grapevine, TX 76051 817.442.8463 www.messinahof.com



#### Father & Son Cuvée, 2016 White: Off Dry (<1.5%)

A semi-dry, light-bodied white wine with fresh and delicate floral aromas with flavors of honeysuckle and citrus zest. This wine is a tribute to the German heritage of Messina Hof and the Riesling grape and in honor of Riesling being the first wine made by the partnership of Paul VI and Paul VII. Serve chilled at 45° F. A gold medal winner at the TexSom International Wine Competition.

#### Angel Late Harvest Riesling, NV White: Sweet (>1.5%)

A crisp, sweet dessert wine, harvested from the last pick of Riesling, and tastes like apple pie in a glass. Angel was named for its angelic sweetness and in honor of the angels carved in the Bryan winery wall. A signature of Messina Hof since the early 1990's, grown in the Texas High Plains and fermented slowly at very cool temperatures to preserve the aroma. Serve chilled at 45° F.

#### Private Reserve Pinot Noir, 2016 Red: Light (<1.5%)

Double barrel aging in hybrid American and French oak barrels give this wine a rich, elegant roundness. Oak barrel aging develops soft leather tannins and vanilla notes that mingle with juicy cherry and strawberry fruit essences. Hints of blackberry on the nose entice the senses. Serve at  $65^{\circ}$  F.

#### GSM, NV Red: Medium (<1.5%)

This medium-bodied wine leaves the palate with a blended synergy of rich flavors like blackberry, dark cherry and plum with a hint of spice. This robust blend of Grenache, Syrah and Mourvèdre grapes is aged in hybrid American and French oak barrels for 12 months. Serve at 65° F.

## **Old Man Scary Cellars**

On the Hisel Family Estate in Hockley County, Texas, lies an old, abandoned farmhouse. Old Man Scary is the name given to that house by the youngest son of the family. The Tasting Room is located in a renovated 1925 historic building in downtown San Saba, Texas. Family-owned and operated, Old Man Scary Cellars today has come to mean much more to both the Hisel Family and to all who come in contact with them. They hope to share their story and wines with all that they come to meet and hope you can find something to love in one of their many award-winning wines.



## Winery Owner: Gabe & Carrie Hisel

Winemaker: Penny Adams 302 E Wallace San Saba, TX 76877 325.372.6071

www.oldmanscarycellars.com



#### Viognier, 2015 White: Dry (<1.0%)

Lush, herbal and citrusy, this crisp white wine has hints of white peach and apricot nectar. This wine is a silver Lone Star International Wine Competition winner in 2017

#### Prima Volta, 2015 White Blends (<1.5%)

Floral and citrus fruit notes are followed by a taste of baked apple and sweet baking spice. This wine is a gold winner at the Great American Wine Competition.

#### **Valevento, 2015 Red: Sweet (>1.5%)**

This full-bodied sweet red has notes of fresh ripe blue and red berries on the nose and is jammy with a warm finish. This wine was awarded gold at the 2017 Lone Star International Wine Competition.

#### Eclexia, NV Red: Blends (<1.5%)

This multi-vintage, multi-varietal complex red blend has a bright taste up front with a smooth finish and was a medal winner at 2017 Lone Star International Wine Competition.

## **Paris Vineyards**

Paris Vineyards was established in 2005 as a family-owned and operated Texas winery in Lamar County, the heart of Red River Valley, approximately 90 miles northeast of Dallas. They are devoted to handcrafting premium quality Texas wines in the pioneer spirit of Texas from vine varietals that capture distinctive characteristics of the Texas "terroir." A la bonne vie!



# Winery Owner: Larry & Denise Dority Winemaker: Larry & Denise Dority & Matthew McCormick

545 County Road 43500 Paris, TX 75462 903-785-9463 www.parisvineyards.com



#### Dry Blanc du Bois, NV White: Dry (<1.0%)

An estate-grown, light bodied crisp and refreshing white wine with notable acidity. With the citrus and tropical flavors, it has a fantastic with appetizers, veggie dishes, dips, garlic and Italian-seasoned creamy white sauces, fragrant salads, sushi and more.

#### Blanc du Bois, NV White: Sweet (>1.5%)

This estate grown wine has a beautiful pale yellow color with very pleasant and aromatic hints of pear and citrus. The mouth-feel is also very nice with a crisp, clean middle palate with a sweet and lingering citrus finish.

# **Pillar Bluff Vineyards**

Founded in 1999, as a family-owned winery and tasting room, Pillar Bluff is an intimate location to visit with French/European-styled wine located at the top of the Hill Country.



#### Winery Owner: Gill L. Bledsoe Winemaker: Gill L. Bledsoe

300 County Road III Lampasas, TX 76550 512.556.4078 www.pillarbluff.com



#### Riesling, 2016 White: Dry (<1.0%)

Aromas of peach and apricot are followed by an off-dry lemon-lime finish. This wine is a bronze medal winner at Finger Lakes International Wine Competition.

#### Kitty, 2016 White: Sweet (>1.5%)

This wine features aromas of orange blossom and honeysuckle with flavors of honey and a strong peach finish. It was a bronze medal winner at Finger Lakes International Wine Competition.

#### Petite Sirah, 2015 Red: Medium (<1.5%)

Great Petite Sirahs are made in the vineyard. Sunlight, soil and judicious care of the fruit produce wine that can be enjoyed only by those few Texans that understand the perfect marriage of vineyard and winery. Blueberries, chocolate, plum and black pepper blend together during the 15-month barrel aging and make this wine perfect to serve with roast pork, barbeque, beef burgers or chicken with a molè sauce.

#### Founder's Red, NV Red: Blends (<1.5%)

A lightly sweetened chilled blend with notes of strawberry, raspberry, vanilla and spice, pair with your favorite pizza. This wine is aged in American oak for 15 to 18 months.

# **Pilot Knob Vineyards**

Founded in 2011, Pilot Knob Vineyard is nestled on a ridge overlooking the rolling hills of the Texas Hill Country. They offer a wide selection of wine styles and varietals with its estate Cabernet Sauvignon being widely recognized as one of the best in Texas.



Winery Owner: **Craig Pinkley** Winemaker: **Craig Pinkley & Bryan Strempel** 

> 3125 CR 212 Bertram, TX 78605 512.489.2999 www.pilotknobvineyard.com



#### Chardonnay, 2016 White: Dry (<1.0%)

This chardonnay provides a full mouth feel with notes of lemon curd, green apple and white peaches along with subtle hints of vanilla and Crème Brule. A touch of butter leads the finish.

## **Pleasant Hill Winery**

Pleasant Hill Winery is the oldest winery in Washington County and one of the oldest in Texas. They serve award-winning wines proudly made only from Texas grapes. Bob and Jeanne Cottle began as home winemakers in the early 1970's. They made several different fruit wines in their respective states of Rhode Island and Wisconsin. A lovely piece of land with rolling hills was purchased in Brenham in 1992. Planting and building began and Pleasant Hill Winery opened its doors as Texas' 27th commercial winery in 1997. Visitors are welcome to tour, taste and browse the well-stocked gift shop on weekends year-round. Located between Houston and Austin, Pleasant Hill is the perfect meeting place for family and friends.



# Winery Owner: **Bob & Jeanne Cottle**Winemaker: **Bob Cottle**

1441 Salem Rd. Brenham, TX 77833 979.830.8463 www.pleasanthillwinery.com



#### Sauvignon Blanc, 2016 White: Dry (<1.0%)

Enjoy this crisp white wine with Gulf Coast seafood, pork dishes, family and friends.

#### Blanc du Bois, NV White: Sweet (>1.5%)

This sweet white wine is made from the hardy Gulf Coast-grown Blanc du Bois grape. It pairs well with cheesecake and fresh fruit desserts or just chill and sip. Try it with spicy Thai food.

#### Rose, NV Blush/Rosé

A fruity, crisp wine to enjoy with everyday food favorites including hamburgers, hot dogs and pizza. Try it with a spicy crawfish boil.

#### Sangiovese, 2015 Red: Medium (<1.5%)

This Sangiovese is the classic Italian grape with a Lone Star twist. From the first sip, you will enjoy the rich, jammy fruit with a bit of spice. Then, conjure up your favorite Italian food.

#### Red Caboose Winery & Vineyards

Red Caboose Winery has a motto "We grow Texas wines the natural way." They produce low sulfite, unfiltered, natural wines from handpicked grapes in Meridian, Texas. Red Caboose has won numerous Texas, national and international "Green" architectural awards including the 2011 Growing Green Award for Small Business Category by the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development, the 2012 "Go Texan" sustainability award and the 2013 "BRIT" International Sustainability award in the winery category and is recognized as one of the most sustainable wineries in Texas. They use gravity design, solar photovoltaics, geothermal heating and cooling, geothermal chilling, rainwater collection and recycled winery waste. Red Caboose produces natural style "Old World Wines" from hand-picked grapes grown on the estate in an organic method. Red Caboose wines continue to win national and international awards for their excellence. The goal is to produce the highest quality, natural wines possible. The estate-grown, "BIG" full-bodied red wines are their specialty.



#### Winery Owner: **Gary McKibben** Winemaker: **George Taylor**

1147 CR 1110 Meridian, TX 76665 254.675.0099 www.redcaboosewinery.com



#### Roussanne, 2015 White: Dry (<1.0%)

This crisp, dry wine features floral aromas and hints of honey and apricots. 14.6% alcohol.

#### Zin Rose, NV Blush/Rosé

This wine is dry, light and unoaked and offers hints of berry and fresh fruit flavors. 14.4% alcohol.

#### Touriga Nacional, 2012 Red: Bold (<1.5%)

A Portuguese varietal used primarily in a tawny port it features 100% estate-grown fruit with full body and woody characteristics. It is aged in American White Oak for 25 months. Unfiltered, 13.2% alcohol.

#### Lenoir Tempranillo, 2014 Red: Blends (<1.5%)

The 100% estate-grown fruit is aged in American Oak for 16 months. This wine is unfiltered with light acidity, pleasant aroma and a smooth finish. 14.3% alcohol.

#### **Red Road Vineyard & Winery**

Established in 2001, Red Road Vineyard and Winery is family owned and operated. The Red Road Winery is located in the heart of Naples, Texas, within view of the Town Center Gazebo. The winery's original brick structure, built in the 1890s, housed the first power and ice company in Northeast Texas. The tasting room that once held the blocks of ice ready for delivery now serves as a comfortable place to relax and boasts rich, historic architectural detail. This makes for a unique atmosphere, where wines are enjoyed, good conversation flows and friends come together. Each taste of popular regional award winning wines is served with a smile.



### Winery Owner: **Merrill Grove**Winemaker: **Merrill Grove**

105 W. Front St. Naples, TX 75568 903434.2429 www.redroadvineyard.com



#### Sedoga, NV White: Off Dry (<1.5%)

The aroma is full of intensely seductive sweet citrus, with fascinating flavors of lemon, pear and citrus. This wine has a semi-sweet style body with a soft and coating finish.

#### Aracelli, 2014 White: Sweet (>1.5%)

Aracelli lends its exquisite fleshy fruits of grapes and honeydew, while peaches show up wild and exotic. Soft and seductive pear on the nose plays a soft supple supporting role in the finish for this wine of excellent length.

#### TexZin, 2016 Blush/Rosé

A tease of Texas Zinfandel, the delicate aroma of freshlypicked grapes is immensely apparent on the nose. This wine is deep and finishes soft and round.

#### Dearg, NV Red: Medium (<1.5%)

A medium-bodied, dry red wine with nice spice accents to ripe cherry fruit flavors with light oak notes tailing in on the finish.

#### Silver Dollar Winery

Founded in 2015, Silver Dollar Winery is a small urban winery located in Bedford, Texas. The story of the winery's beginning comes from love of wine, motorcycles, auto racing and good times with friends and family. With liberty, love and wine, the legacy of Silver Dollar Wine is to promote Texas wine and bring their passion of wine making, tradition and love of history.



### Winery Owner: **Richard & Melanie Bowen**Winemaker: **Richard & Melanie Bowen**

1937 Bedford Rd. Bedford, TX 76021 817.358.8830 www.silverdollarwinery.com



#### Silver Strike Viognier, 2014 White: Dry (<1.0%)

This golden-colored viognier features a touch of minerality with classic peach and stone fruit character.

#### IM'Peached, 2015 White Blends (<1.5%)

A bold, sensual peach infused Blanc du Bois and symphony Muscat, is so tempting and sensual you will be IM'peached.

#### Peace\* Maker Merlot Reserve, 2014 Red: Light (<1.5%)

Aged two years in French Oak, this decadent awardwinning merlot has tasting notes of blackberry, plum and black cherry.

#### Ike's Red, 2015 Red: Blends (<1.5%)

This tantalizing dry red blend has 40% Malbec, 40% Sangiovese and 20% Cabernet Franc. Taste sensations include savory black cherry, black currant and raspberry notes with soft oak and spice flavors.

#### **Sunset Winery**

Since opening in 2005 Sunset Winery has grown from 3 to 14 wines and counting. The wine is produced, almost exclusively from Texas-grown grapes, in the house that founders Birgit and Bruce Anderson called home for their first 20 years in Texas - which is why it is also known as "The Best Little Wine House in Texas<sup>TM</sup>." Come for a tasting, stay for a glass of wine and a cheese tray on the deck or in the "Family Room." The cordial staff will welcome you and hope you'll feel like family after your first visit. Join the email list for special event updates.



### Winery Owner: **Bruce Anderson**Winemaker: **Bruce Anderson**

1535 S. Burleson Blvd. Burleson, TX 76028 817.426.1141 www.sunsetwinery.com



#### Butteroak Chardonnay, 2010 White: Dry (<1.0%)

Subtle oak and pineapple with a buttery mouth feel, this wine is fermented three months in French oak barrels. It pairs well with mild cheese, cream dips, popcorn, spicy sausages, light fish and white meat.

#### Pink Rainbows, NV Blush/Rosé

A two-year-old granddaughter came in all excited about "Pink Rainbows" which turned out to be a lovely pink sunset and that's how this wine got its name. This semi-sweet rose blend is light and slightly acidic with subtle fruit, floral notes and pairs well with spicy foods including Asian, Cajun, Mexican and Tex-Mex.

#### "Twilight Tango" Malbec, 2007 Red: Bold (<1.5%)

Aged seven years in French Oak, this wine offers a nose of vanilla, black fruit, a hint of tobacco and chocolate with soft tannins and a long smooth finish. It pairs well with strong cheese, venison, barbeque, tomato sauce, mushrooms, beef (think a big steak) and game meats.

#### Redhead, NV Red: Sweet (>1.5%)

Featuring grape and raisin notes, pairs well with sweet fruits, berries, chocolate-covered raisins, cheese, potato chips and darned near anything else YOU choose.

#### Tara Vineyard & Winery

Founded in 2006, and growing Blanc du Bois, Black Spanish, Cynthianna and Merlot, Tara is the gateway to East Texas. Enjoy a sip of Texas at Tara along with an amazing menu and view of vineyards, historic Murchison Mansion (Tara Inn). USA Today ranked Tara one of the best winery restaurants in 2016.



### Winery Owner: **Susan Steger & Pat Pierce**Winemaker: **Susan Steger & Pat Pierce**

8603 County Road 3914 Athens, TX 75752 903.675.7023 www.tarawinery.com



#### Something Sweet, NV White: Sweet (>1.5%)

Serve this wine chilled and enjoy a "sip of Texas." Clean, crisp notes of melon, a clean and smooth finish with perfect sweetness.

#### Texas Dolcetto, 2012 Red: Medium (<1.5%)

With full-body this wine is aged five years in American oak and you will find red plum notes and the thick skins are naturally tannic. The grapes are from Bingham Family Vineyards in West Texas.

#### Lenoir, 2012 Red: Bold (<1.5%)

This wine offers earthy unique notes with full body, leather and green olives made with grapes from East Texas.

#### Stagecoach, NV Red: Blends (<1.5%)

This dry, full body wine is rich and jammy. The grapes are from East and West Texas and result in a perfect Texas blend.

#### Texas Hills Vineyard

Texas Hills Vineyard is a family-operated vineyard and winery. The first 10-acres of grapes were planted in Johnson City in 1995. There are now 25-acres of grapes and a style of winemaking that features balance over power that is very food-friendly and traditional in Italy. Estate grapes include Chardonnay, Pinot Grigio, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Sangiovese, Syrah, Chenin Blanc and Orange Muscat. "Wines to share with friends" is the winery's motto with the belief that when friends sit down with food and wine, the benefit of the relationship is truly enhanced.



### Winery Owner: **Kathy & Gary Gilstrap**Winemaker: **Gary Gilstrap**

878 Ranch Rd. 2766 Johnson City, TX 78636 830.868.2321

www.texashillsvineyard.com



#### Chardonnay Estate, 2015 White: Dry (<1.0%)

With a crisp flavor and a hint of tangerine and cream, this wine provides almond on the finish.

#### Cabernet Franc, 2011 Red: Medium (<1.5%)

Enjoy blackberry, raspberry, blueberry and plum with a spicy finish.

#### Kick Butt Cab, 2014 Red: Bold (<1.5%)

Taste blackberry jam with a little black cherry on the finish.

#### Cinque Vino Rosso, 2013 Red: Blends (<1.5%)

Blackberry, raspberry and blueberry finish with a peppery twist.

#### Texas Legato

Texas Legato was founded in 2007 on 21-acres located 3.5 miles southwest of Lampasas, Texas. This winery proudly grows Malbec, Merlot, Petite Sirah, Petite Verdot, and just-planted Cabernet Franc, Mourvèdre, Tempranillo and Aglianico. Award-winning wines include the wine maker's favorite of Petite Sirah and Malbec (Double Gold at Houston Rodeo International).



### Winery Owner: **Sulynn & Bill Bledsoe**Winemaker: **Bill Bledsoe & Bob Wanacott**

2935 FM 1478 Lampasas, TX 76550 512.556.9600 www.texaslegatowinery.net



#### Wine Club White, 2015 White: Dry (<1.0%)

Apricot, melon and tropical fruits combine beautifully in a good wine glass. This wine was a silver medal winner in San Francisco.

#### Blanc Cubed, 2014 White Blends (<1.5%)

This wine has a floral nose and is crisp when served cold.

#### Malbec, 2014 Red: Bold (<1.5%)

Leather, tobacco and cherry. This wine was a double Gold medal winner at the Houston Rodeo International.

#### Family Reunion, 2015 Red: Blends (<1.5%)

An easy-drinking wine with or without food, enjoy the smooth taste with a long finish and heavy nose.

#### **Wedding Oak Winery**

The winery takes its inspiration and name from the majestic, 400 year-old oak tree, known as the Wedding Oak Tree, which grows about 2.5 miles northwest from the winery. In July, 2010 viticulturist Mike McHenry and a group of friends with the passion to bring the burgeoning Texas wine industry to the heart of small town Texas. The historic 1926 tasting room and 10,000 case winery is located at the intersection of US Highway 190 and Highway 16. Wedding Oak Winery is committed to making Texas wines that celebrate the Texas terroir. The winery produces wines of distinction that are suitable for celebrations and everyday drinking.



### Winery Owner: **Michael McHenry**Winemaker: **Penny Adams**

316 E. Wallace St. San Saba, TX 76877 325.372.5060 www.weddingoakwinery.com



#### Roussanne, 2016 White: Dry (<1.0%)

Beautiful golden-straw color, the wine opens with powerful aromatics of fresh fruit, spice tea, cashews and black pepper. An exotic opulent, rich wine that delivers layers of honey and pear flavors with lively acidity and a beautifully lingering finish, it pairs well with Texas shellfish, grilled pork tenderloin, veal, any food with savory sauces and Asian dishes. The grapes are harvested at night and whole berry pressed.

#### Bridal Veil, 2016 White: Off Dry (<1.5%)

With multi-layered aromatics that match the flavors of citrus, including lime and mandarins with a slight herbaceous touch, this medium bodied wine finishes dry with mineral notes on the palate.

#### Sangiovese, 2015 Red: Medium (<1.5%)

A gorgeous, medium-bodied wine with a deep garnet color, it is bursting with vibrant aromas of red cherries and violets as well as ripe strawberry and cherry flavors with a hint of tea and cedar.

#### Tempranillo Reserve, 2015 Red: Bold (<1.5%)

Bounding with full aromatics of cherry, cedar and tobacco box, the tart black cherry flavors and racy acidity make this a terrific food wine. It has big, yet soft tannins in the middle mouth feel with a beautiful lingering finish.

#### **Wine Fusion Winery**

Wine Fusion was founded in 2013 by owner Nicholas Kaufman and their tasting rooms are chic and laid back. Producing 18 different wines, they are sure to have something for everyone. Ask about the popular blending classes as Wine Fusion is the original.



#### Winery Owner: **Nicholas Kaufman** Winemaker: **Nicholas Kaufman**

603 S. Main St. Suite 304 Grapevine, TX 76051 817.442.8466 www.winefusionwinery.com



#### Life's A Beach, 2015 White: Off Dry (<1.5%)

The inviting aroma is followed by a medium body with fresh ripe pear on the front of the palate and finishing with a slight hint of wild honey.

#### Peachy Keen, 2016 White: Sweet (>1.5%)

Peachy Keen is the number one selling Muscat Blanc. Natural peach flavors are infused to make the perfect summer day patio wine.

#### Freaken Weeken, 2016 Blush/Rosé

This rosé offers great floral notes and rose petal on the nose. With hints of kiwi and strawberry, it has a smooth light finish.

#### **Woodrose Winery**

Woodrose Winery was established in 2005 and has been offering a distinct personal experience and an unmatched quality in the heart of the Texas wine industry ever since. Wines range from refreshing whites, rosés and full-bodied reds to the expanding line of unfiltered reds and unique blends. Woodrose Winery provides a relaxing, delicious and educational experience from the back deck under the trees to a self-paced, seated wine tasting to regular events featuring gourmet food from around the world specially selected to pair with the wine.



### Winery Owner: **Michael Guilette**Winemaker: **Michael Guilette**

662 Woodrose Lane Stonewall, TX 78671 830. 644.2539 www.woodrosewinery.com



#### Blanc du Bois, 2009 White: Off Dry (<1.5%)

A very aromatic white wine with a nose of pineapple and a lingering finish of honey and pear.

#### Three Dog White, 2012 White Blends (<1.5%)

This medium oak wine has light citrus on the nose. A hint of lemon and vanilla on the palette is followed by a lingering buttery finish.

#### Zinfandel, 2009 Red: Light (<1.5%)

Enjoy hints of oak and rose petals on the nose with dried plum on the finish.

#### Tempranillo, 2015 Red: Bold (<1.5%)

Taste the superb nose of licorice, oak and cranberries with flavors of dark currant, plum and leather in the smooth lingering finish.

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#### WINE-TASTING TERMS

ACIDITY The quality of tartness or sharpness in a wine

AROMA Fragrance of wine that comes from the grapes

ASTRINGENCY

Puckery feeling in the mouth from the tannins, or tannic acid, in red wines which comes from the grape skins (red wines also obtain their color from the skins)

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

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

BOUQUET Fragrance of 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

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

Non-Vintage. More than one year of juice being made into wine

OFF An undesirable odor and/or taste

THIN Lack of body

## A FEW COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT WINE

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

A: 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?

A: 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?

A: 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?

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

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

A: The general rule is dry white before sweeter white wines, whites before reds, light reds before heavy reds 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, and does it help or just look good?

A: 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?

A: When you swirl wine around in a glass the legs are the tears that run down the inside of the glass. It has to do with the alcohol in the wine and means nothing by itself. A good wine must have all the elements-fruit, acid, alcohol, tannin, oak if barrels are used, etc. - and must have them in balance.





The Grapevine Wine Pouring Society was founded to help educate the public about Texas wines and the wine industry. The society members participate in several events and festivals throughout the year in the City of Grapevine. These outstanding volunteers give many hours of their time in support of GrapeFest. Throughout the festival, you can find them pouring at the People's Choice Wine Tasting Classic and in each of the wine pavilions.

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