

2018

RIO FRIO RED

Winemaker's Blend



APPELLATION

Texas Hill Country
USA

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

Estate Red Blend

TECHNICAL DATA

pH 3.7
TA 0.62g/100ml
RS-Dry <0.1g/L
Alc. 14.4%



BACKGROUND

The grapes for our 2018 Winemaker's Blend were harvested from our estate vineyard in late July of 2018. With our unique Texas terroir in mind, our goal is to create a sense of place in each wine created.

WINEMAKING

The varietals were individually harvested into small bins, then the grapes were delivered to the winery in a refrigerated truck to preserve freshness and minimize oxidation. The grapes were kept separate, sorted and de-stemmed into fermentation tanks where they rested and soaked for an average of 5 days. After warm fermentations, the wines went through extended maceration for an average of 8-12 additional days. The wine was then aged in French oak barrels for 19 months until bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Having a dark, brick-red hue, this blend was inspired by the Rhône-style wines of France. Ripe raspberry and plum notes open on the nose along with hints of five spice and tarragon. The Winemaker's Blend is elegantly bodied and reflects a red and black medley of fruits including black plum, candied cherries and fig.

Served ideally between 60-65°F. We recommend a stemmed, tapered wine glass. Gentle decanting will bring out the aromatics and flavor components in the wine. Grilled quail, venison or a lightly seasoned filet with seared, open-fire vegetables pair well with this blend.