

OF ALL THE REASONS PEOPLE FLOCK TO TEXAS, YOU CAN NOW ADD WINE TO THE LIST.



Greetings from the Texas Hill Country!

I can't believe we are coming up on the end of the year, and what a year it has been. It has been incredible to be back to seeing so many of you in the tasting room and at wine club parties. All of us here at Pedernales Cellars are grateful to have the opportunities to see you, share a glass, and hear your stories from the last year. I am hopeful that many more of you can come out, take in the beautiful views, and see what our hard working vineyard, winemaking, and hospitality team have to share with you.

We have also had a fantastic harvest that just wrapped up in October. 2021 will be the year of renewal and new possibilities when it comes to grapes here in Texas. On the one hand it is the first harvest year in over 20 where there will not be grapes from the Kuhlken Vineyard in the glass. Much of that is because of the exciting replant that folks got to see on the summer vineyard tour. Of course some of that is also the hail that we received in April damaging the last of the mature vines. As sad as it is that we lost the estate crop in 2021, the new plantings are thriving! A whole new set of estate wines are in our future as the new plantings begin to mature with the help of our Vineyard Manager Evan McKibben. As for our harvest from elsewhere in the Hill Country and from our long-time growing partners in the High Plains, 2021 delivered some amazing fruit for the vintage.

Unlike 2020, we have Viognier, Vermentino, and Albariño in the 2021 vintage as well a couple beautiful Rosé lots. We also saw vineyards such as the Newsom Vineyard recovering from the historic freeze of 2020 and producing some beautiful Merlot, Tempranillo, and Cabernet Sauvignon. The Rhône red varietals also look strong in 2021 with some amazing Grenache and Mourvèdre now in the cellar from Desert Willow Vineyards in Seminole Texas farmed by Rob Warren and his amazing family. The relatively cool weather and drought breaking rains in 2021 have helped most of our vineyards rebuild what was lost in 2020, and the year turned out to be one of moderate yields, and energetic vines with some potential for some amazing rich wines. We can't wait to bring them to you once they have finished their journey in the cellar!

Cheers,
David Kuhlken
President & Winemaker
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WINTER 2021



What's Happening At The Winery

Dec 5 Winter Wine Club Pick Up Party

Dec 12 Signature Series Wine & Small Bites Tasting

Dec 24/25 Tasting Room Closed for Christmas

Jan 1 Tasting Room Closed for New Years

Feb 13 Valentine's Day Wine & Small Bites Tasting

Feb 27 Spring 2022 Wine Club Pick Up Party

Stay up-to-date on our events, both at the winery and in other cities by monitoring your email and watching the event calendar on our website.

Don't forget to book a reservation for events and experiences!

www.pedernalescellars.com/events

Winter Wine Club Featured Wine...

2018 Family Reserve



The Family Reserve is a blend we have been creating for years to highlight some of our favorite lots from some of our favorite growers. In its nature, the blend is nontraditional and this year is led by Italian varieties with Dolcetto making up the majority of the blend. We thought this was nicely balanced with Syrah, Malbec and Tannat. This is a wine that will change over time and has immense aging potential. I anticipate it to be drinking beautifully for several years.

-Joanna Wilczoch, Winemaker

Tasting Notes

The nose on this wine is quite rich with leather, tobacco, vanilla, tomato leaf and black cherries. It is supple on the palate with refined tannins and notes of plum, tomato leaf, and floral notes.

Food Pairing Recommendation

Red meats, aged cheeses, and cured salami

Composition

50% Dolcetto, 15% Tannat, 15% Syrah, 10% Malbec, 10% Sangiovese

Appellation

Texas High Plains

Vineyards

Bingham, La Pradera, Lahey, Narra Vineyards

Aging

14 months in French and American Oak

Cellar Recommendations

Drink Now through 2030





2019 Texas Albariño

91% Albariño, 9% Viognier

This wine has lovely floral notes, honeydew melon, pear, lemon and toast with hints of herb. The palate is smooth with notes of melon, lemon and lime, as well as touches of forest floor and earth.

2019 Texas High Plains Vermentino

100% Vermentino

Characteristic aromatics of lemon, lime and pineapple are complemented by white flowers, white pepper, and ginger. Although lighter bodied you'll find this wine to be nicely balanced on the palate with a long finish.

2017 High Plains Graciano

84% Graciano, 11% Cinsault, 5% Tannat

Graciano on the nose has fresh ripe fruit with red cherries, raspberries, and plum as well as spice, leather, and tobacco. On the palate you'll find bramble, cherry, tar and spice that linger on a long finish. Medium tannins and nice acidity make this both a food friendly and age worthy wine.

Cellar Recommendation: Drink now through 2026

2018 Texas Mourvèdre

88% Mourvèdre, 12% Petit Verdot

This wine is quite aromatic with notes of black cherry liquor, game, blackberry jam, and fennel. A medium plus body with a velvety mouthfeel are complemented by cherry and leather notes. This wine is rich with dark fruit and light tannins.

Cellar Recommendation: Drink now through 2026

2017 Texas B-Side

66% Petit Verdot, 34% Malbec

On the nose you'll find notes of violets, black cherry, plum, earth, smoke, and crushed gravel with hints of game. The palate is soft and elegant with notes of chocolate, currants, green peppercorn and cherry.

Cellar Recommendation: Drink now through 2028

2016 Texas Lahey Graciano, Signature Series

100% Graciano

With this varietal Graciano you'll get complex and intense notes of leather, white flowers and violets, strawberry jam, black pepper, tobacco, and a hint of menthol. The palate is full with cranberries, red cherries, and strawberry jam as well as pepper and dried oregano. The finish is long, as is the aging potential with this wine.

Cellar Recommendation: Drink now through 2023





