



## *The Wine Society of Heritage Oaks*

*A group dedicated to studying, understanding and tasting (of course!)  
wines from all over the world.*

Everyone is invited to join us in the Clubhouse on  
**Tuesday, September 29th from 6:00-7:30pm**

As we explore the wines of a Texas ICON

BECKER VINEYARDS  
*Texas Hill Country*

Including pairings with a TEXAS flair!

**Cost: \$18.00**

Please bring your cash to: **708 Palo Duro Canyon Trail** to reserve your seat.

Deadline is **September 25th** .

# Becker Vineyards - Stonewall, Texas

- Richard and the late Bunny Becker from San Antonio set out searching for a log cabin to renovate in 1990 and discovered a 308 acre estate near Stonewall - Precambrian granite soils at 1,500' above sea level with abundant native Mustang grapes already growing on the land.
- Both successful gardeners back in San Antonio, they started dreaming of a vineyard and maybe a 1500 case winery.
- The first vines went in the ground in 1992, planted by friends and family including the Beckers' children Clementine, Will and Joe. First harvest was 1995 (31 years ago).
- Today Becker farms 56 acres across 11 varietals with more than 70 employees, and buys fruit from 7 to 10 growers around the state - which is how a Hill Country winery ends up making High Plains wine.
- Now Becker is the most widely distributed Texas winery around.

- The 1890s cabin was restored in 1997 and ran for years as a bed and breakfast. The lavender fields came later, and are now half the reason people visit.
- Becker wine has been poured at the White House seven times, plus the James Beard Foundation and the Texas Governor's Mansion. Lady Bird Johnson was a fan of their Chardonnay - and the LBJ Ranch is next door in Stonewall.





# BECKER VINEYARDS

## 2025 Sauvignon Blanc

**Texas High Plains, 15% ABV, \$11.98**

- Peach, ripe passionfruit and subtle honeysuckle. Crisp acidity with a supple, creamy texture.
- 91% Sauvignon Blanc, with 5% Viognier and 4% Chardonnay. Five months in neutral oak. Fruit from Six Harts Vineyard in Tokio and Reddy Vineyards in Brownfield.
- Fun fact: At 15%, this is an extraordinary Sauvignon Blanc - the grape usually lands at 12.5 to 13.5%, whether it comes from Sancerre or New Zealand. The Texas High Plains sits above 3,000 feet with punishing sun, ripening fruit to sugar levels that ferment out to nearly red-wine strength. Same grape, a different planet.
- Pairing: Cowboy Crack with Tostitos

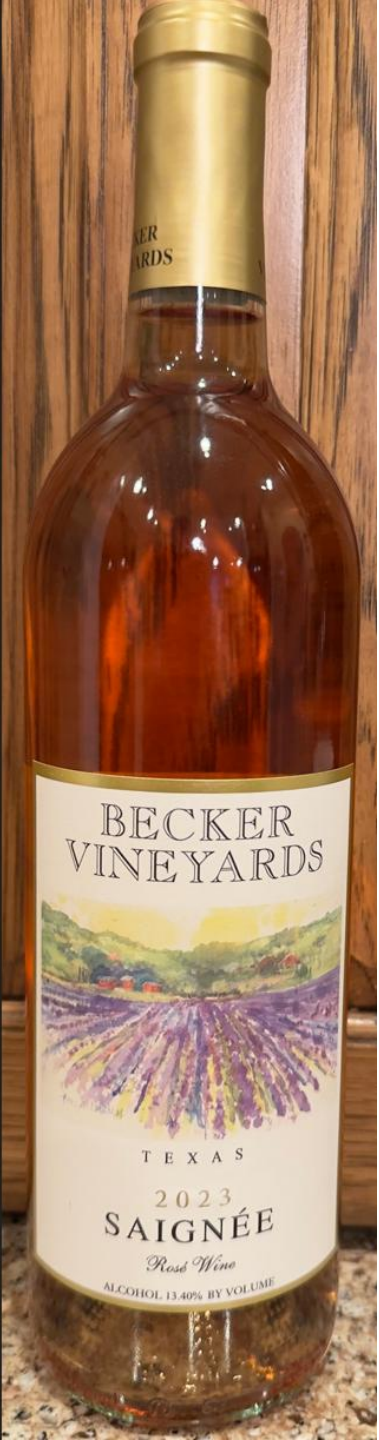
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## Springtime

**Texas White Wine, 14.4% ABV, \$11.98**

- Meyer lemon, Clementine orange, apricot and mild honeysuckle on the nose. Granny Smith apple and ripe stone fruit, slightly sweet, medium acidity.
- A blend of Roussanne, Marsanne, Chardonnay and Viognier, sourced from both the Hill Country and the High Plains.
- Fun fact: Three of those four grapes - Roussanne, Marsanne and Viognier - are the white grapes of France's Rhône Valley which were grown in Texas soil.
- Pairing: Gulf Shrimp Cocktail





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## 2023 Saignée

**Texas Rosé Wine, 13.4% ABV, \$11.98**

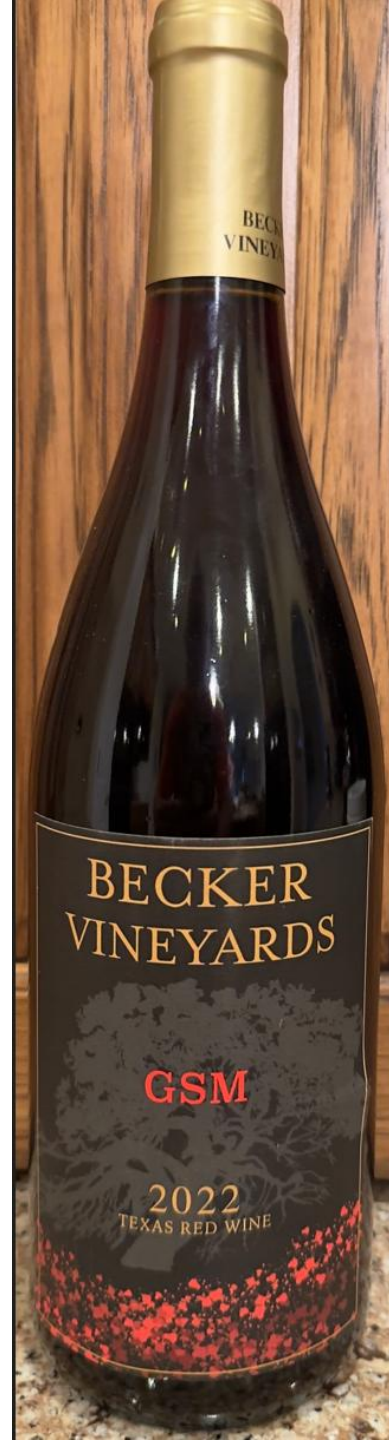
- Bright floral nose, with citrus and watermelon on the palate.
- Counoise, Cabernet Sauvignon, Tannat and Syrah. Fermented slowly and cold, like a white wine, which gives it more body than most rosés.
- Fun fact: Saignée is French for bleeding. Juice is bled off a red fermentation early to concentrate the red wine left behind - so the rosé began life as a by-product of making a better red.
- Pairing: Chicken Fajita Skewer

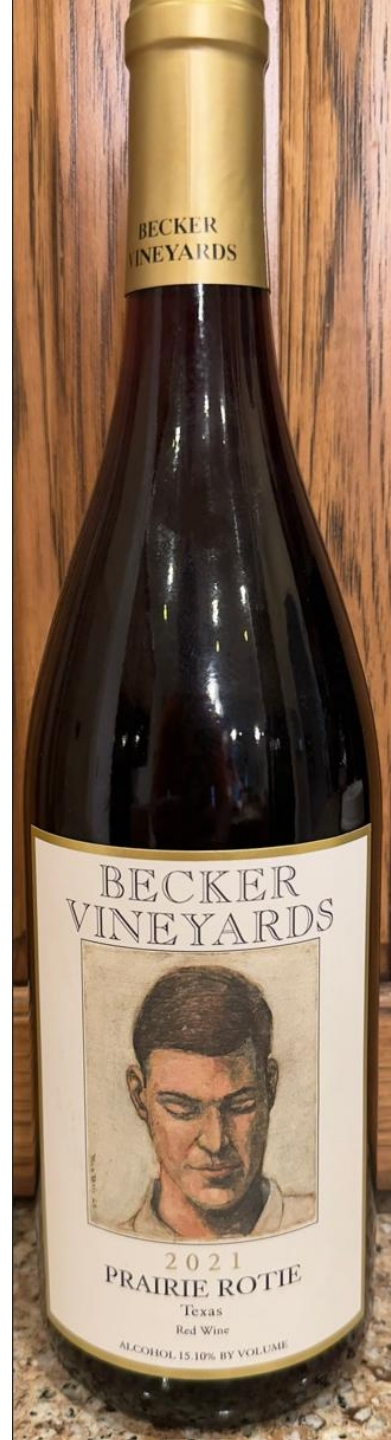
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## 2022 GSM

**Texas Red Wine, 13.8% ABV, \$16.98**

- Raspberry and black pepper greet you first, followed by dark toast, vanilla and layers of lively red fruit, with a subtle hint of creosote.
- Bronze medal, Sommeliers Choice Awards.
- Fun fact: GSM stands for Grenache, Syrah and Mourvèdre, the backbone of Châteauneuf-du-Pape. Becker plays loose with it - the 2020 also carried Cabernet, Zinfandel, Petite Sirah, Petit Verdot and Tannat.
- Pairing: Crispy Street Taco (Beef





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## 2021 Prairie Rotie

### Texas Red Wine, 15.1% ABV, \$19.98

- Refreshingly vibrant, with hints of raspberry, fresh fennel and red currant - a softer, Rhône-style red.
- 32% Mourvèdre, 24% Grenache, 18% Petite Sirah, 13% Counoise, 13% Cinsault. 28 months in oak, 30% of it new American.
- Double Gold at the 2025 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition. Gold and Texas Class Champion at the Houston Livestock Show.
- Fun fact: The name puns on Côte-Rôtie, the Northern Rhône appellation whose name means roasted slope.
- Pairing: Pulled Pork Slider

**BECKER VINEYARDS**  
**2023 Cabernet Sauvignon**  
**Texas ICONOCLAST Barrel Select, 13.6% ABV, \$14.98**

- Violets, leather, toasted vanilla and dried sweet cherry on the nose. Red berries, raspberry and spice on the palate, finishing with well-developed tannins and a hint of dark coffee.
- Fun fact: The label says Cabernet Sauvignon, but it is a four-grape Bordeaux blend - Cabernet, Merlot, Malbec and Petit Verdot. US law only requires 75% of the named grape. Fitting for a wine called Iconoclast: one who attacks cherished beliefs.
- Pairing: Swedish Sticky Chocolate Cake

