



# BRENNAN VINEYARDS

## PROTECTORS

Texas has a long history of frontier spirit dating back to its conception. The town of Comanche is no different. This inaugural wine of 'the Grape Frontier' collection is a tribute to James Madison McCrary whose 1876 historic homestead is now the home of Brennan Vineyards. McCrary was a true frontiersman, avid horticulturist, and businessman; having opened the town's first general store and cotton gin. McCrary went on to serve and protect the people of Comanche as a Ranger in Company D Minute Men, Comanche County from May of 1872 to June 1873 and later as a Ranger of the Frontier Battalion.

*With this wine, we tip our glasses to the protectors.*

### VINTAGE NOTES

The 2017 harvest was challenging to say the least. The vineyards across the state faced extreme drought followed by a few brittle cold snaps that winter. Each of vineyards saw single digit temperatures during the winter that caused significant hard frost damage to the vines. However, the season shaped up to be exceptional and maintained the heat throughout the harvest period. Brennan Vineyards saw significant crop loss across the state during this vintage.

### HARVEST NOTES & VINIFICATION

*Harvest Period:* 8/23/17-9/14/17

*Fruit:* 6 Tons from Comanche Vineyard Syrah; 10 Tons from Diamante Doble Vineyard Alicante Bouschet

*Yeast:* RHONE 2056

*Vinification:* Mechanically harvested and pressed. Cold soaked for 24 hours then de-staged for 10 days.

*Finished Wine:* pH 3.7, 0.1% Residual Sugar, 13.9% Alc

*Production:* 674 Cases

### TASTING NOTES

*Appearance:* Deep Purple in color with heavy concentration. and a fuschia rim .

*Nose:* Youthful and high intensity aromas of bramble berries, figs, and jam. Non-fruit aromas are gamey and earthen with aromas of cured meat, black pepper, and burnt tobacco leaves.

*Palate:* This is a dry and full bodied wine. Fruit flavors of sour cherries, black currant, dark plum are present on the palate. However as the finish approaches it is accompanied by notes of bacon fat, pipe tobacco, and cocoa powder. A luxurious and strong mouth feel makes this the perfect wine for beef short ribs, duck, and Beef Bourguignon.

### WINE COMPOSITION

60% Alicante Bouschet from Diamante Doble Vineyards

40% Syrah from Comanche Vineyard



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