

# **Texas Wine & Grape Growers Association - 2020**

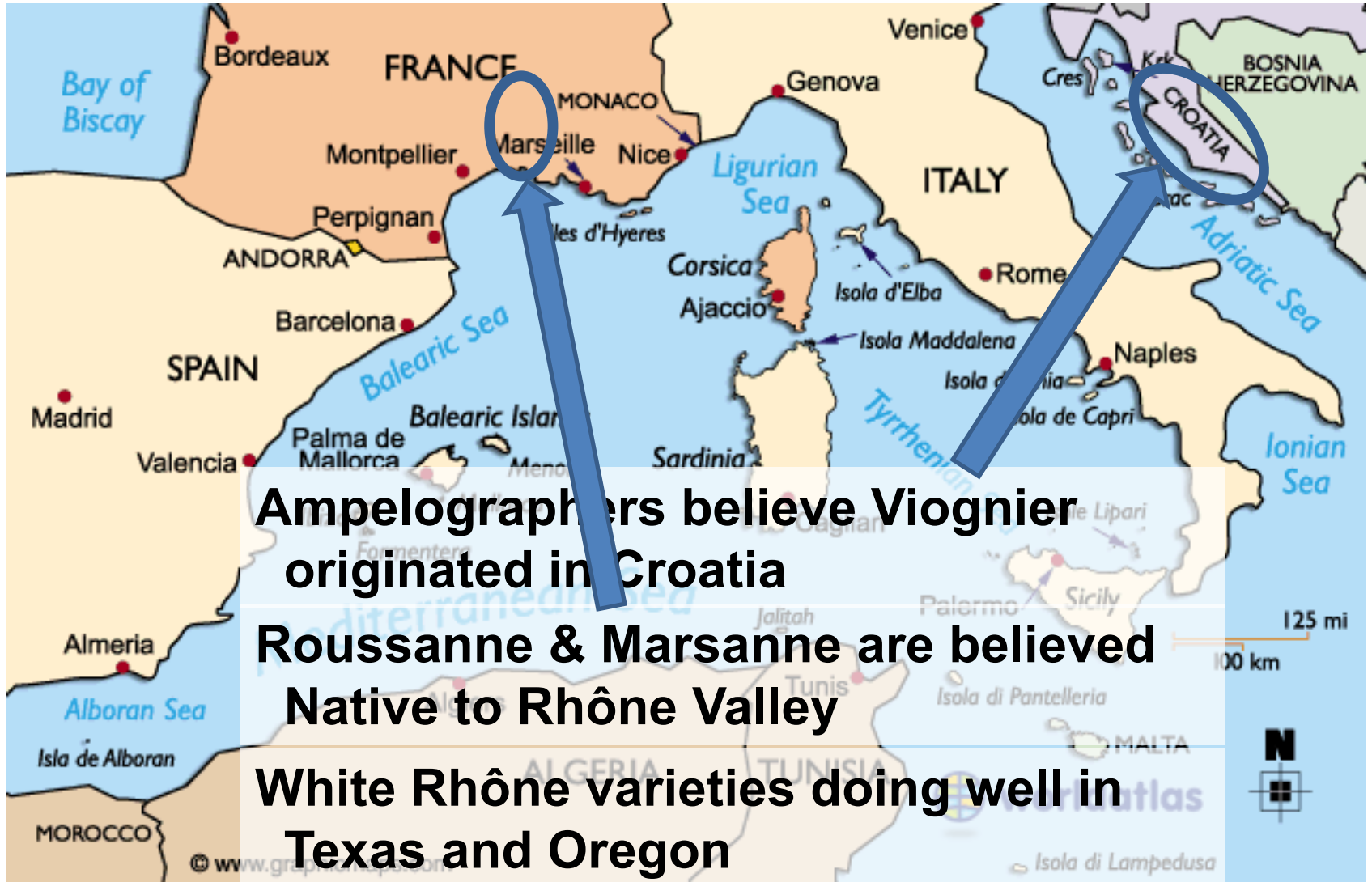
## **Winemaker Panel & Guided Tasting White Rhône Variety Wines Oregon & Texas**

Moderated by  
**Carl Hudson, Ph.D., C.S.W.**  
4.0 Cellars Wine Educator  
Fredericksburg, TX

## **Winemakers & Panel Members**

- **Dr. Brian White, Proprietor, Troon Vineyard  
Applegate Valley AVA, Oregon**
- **Nate Wall, Winemaker, Troon Vineyard**
- **Nate Winter, National Sales Mgr, Troon Vyd**
- **Seth Urbanek, WM, Wedding Oak Winery  
San Saba, TX (Red House Winery)**
- **Chris Hornbaker, WM, Eden Hill Vineyard  
Celina, TX**

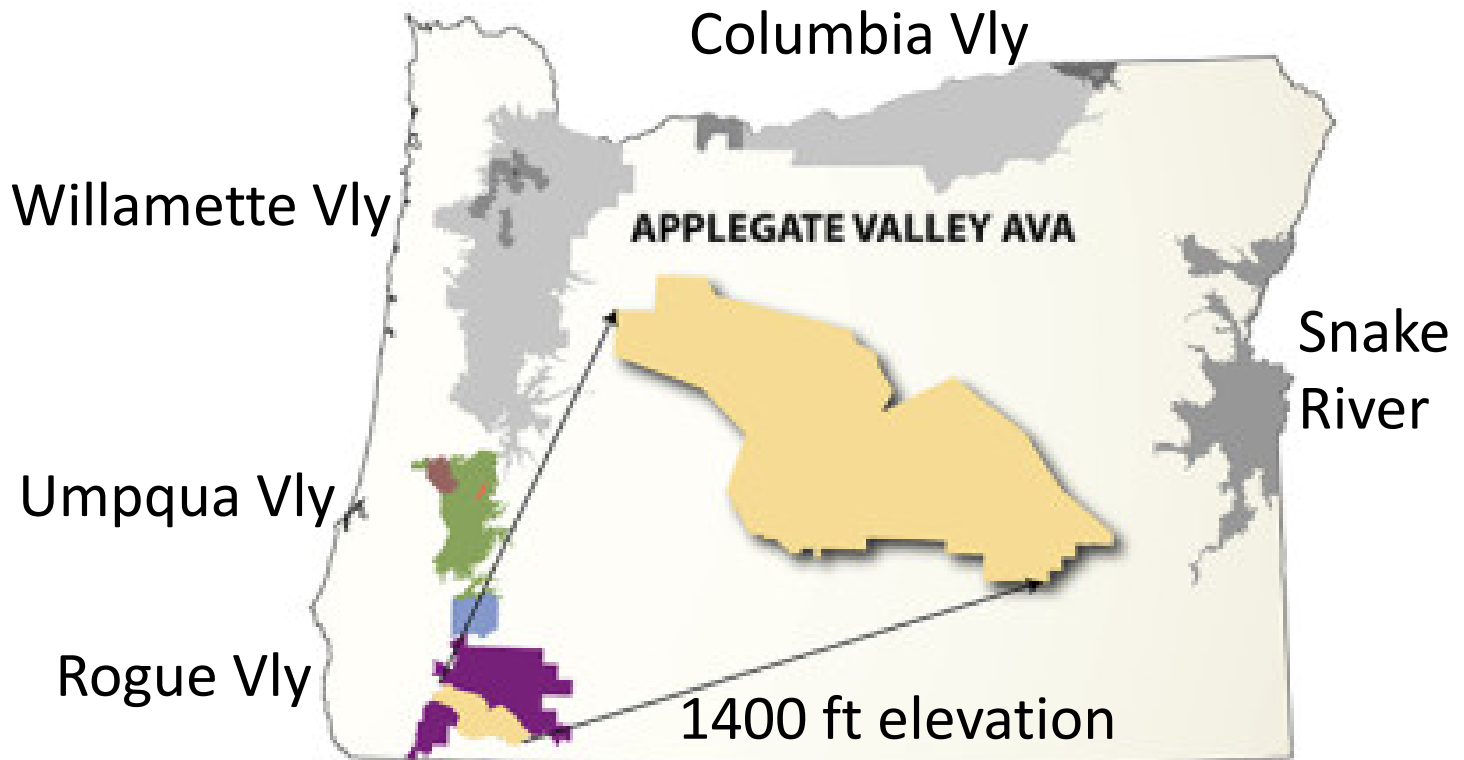
# White Rhône Varieties – Mediterranean Origins



# Why Troon Vineyard?

- **White Varieties: Roussanne, Marsanne, Viognier, Vermentino**
- **Red Varieties: Grenache, Syrah, Tannat, Malbec**
- **Owned by Dr Brian & Denise White, residents of Arlington, TX**
- **Wines receive effusive critical acclaim**
  - ✓ **Fun.Wine.Time. compare OR & TX**
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# Applegate Valley AVA - Oregon



## Sub-Appellation of Rogue Vly

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Effort to Re-Establish – Dick Troon, 1972

Warm-Summer, Mediterranean Type Climate

# Roussanne

- **Full-bodied, Lush Wines with Fragrant Aromatics – Floral & Stone Fruit Notes**
- **When ripe, grapes typically have russet color – *roux* – (origin of the name?)**
- **Aromas & Flavors of Peach, Pear, & Honey; Tea Leaves**
- **Often Used in Blends with Marsanne**
  - ✓ **Takes oak treatment well**
  - ✓ **Can age & develop complexity**

# Viognier

- **The White Grape in N. Rhône  
Appellations of Condrieu, Ch Grillet**
- **Historically Co-Fermented with Red Grapes, like Syrah in Côte Rôtie, to Soften Tannins, Enhance Fruit Character, & Help Stabilize Color**
- **Considered the State Grape of Virginia**
- **Plantings in Australia, South Africa, California, and now Texas & Oregon**

# Marsanne

- **Good weight & structure, more limited in fragrant aromatics → Blends**
- **Subtle melon, honeysuckle, & honeycomb aromas & flavors; nutty, minerally notes**
- **Vigorous vines seem to work best in poorer quality soils, & at limited yields**
- **Often blended - Roussanne & Viognier**
  - ✓ **Up to 15% in Hermitage Rouge AOC**



# White Rhône Variety Considerations

- **Impact of Vineyard Climate, Soil**
- **Vintage Characteristics, Grape Quality**
- **Winemaking Procedures, Techniques**
- **Aging Regimen (Oak?, Time?, Etc.)**
- **Wine Aromas, Flavors, Characteristics**
- **Adaptability & Sustainability of White Rhône Varieties in Oregon & Texas**

# Troon Vineyard Roussanne 2017

- **Grape(s):**
  - ✓ **Roussanne 100%**  
**14.0% ABV**
  - ❖ **Sourced from**  
**Kubli Bench Estate Vyd**  
**Applegate Valley AVA, OR**

- **Nate Wall, Cary Willeford,**  
**Winemakers**



# Red House Winery Roussanne 2018

- **Grape(s):**
  - ✓ **Roussanne 100%**  
**14.1% ABV**
  - ❖ **High Valley Vineyard**  
**San Saba County, TX TxHC AVA**
  - ❖ **Hye Top Vineyard**  
**Blanco County, TX TxHC AVA**
  - ❖ **Phillips Vineyard**  
**Terry County, TX TxHP AVA**
- **Seth Urbanek, Winemaker**  
**(Wedding Oak Winery)**



# Troon Vyds Côte du Kubli Blanc 2018

- **Grape(s):**
  - ✓ **Viognier 51%**
  - ✓ **Marsanne 28%**
  - ✓ **Roussanne 21%**
- **13.5% ABV**
- ❖ **Sourced from  
Cowhorn Vineyard  
Applegate Valley AVA, OR**



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# Eden Hill Vineyard Trinity 2017

- **Grape(s):**
  - ✓ **Marsanne ??%**
  - ✓ **Roussanne ??%**
  - ✓ **Viognier ??%**  
**??.% ABV**
- ❖ **?? Vineyard(s)**  
**?? County**  
**?? AVA**

- **Chris Hornbaker, Winemaker**  
**Add anyone else ??**





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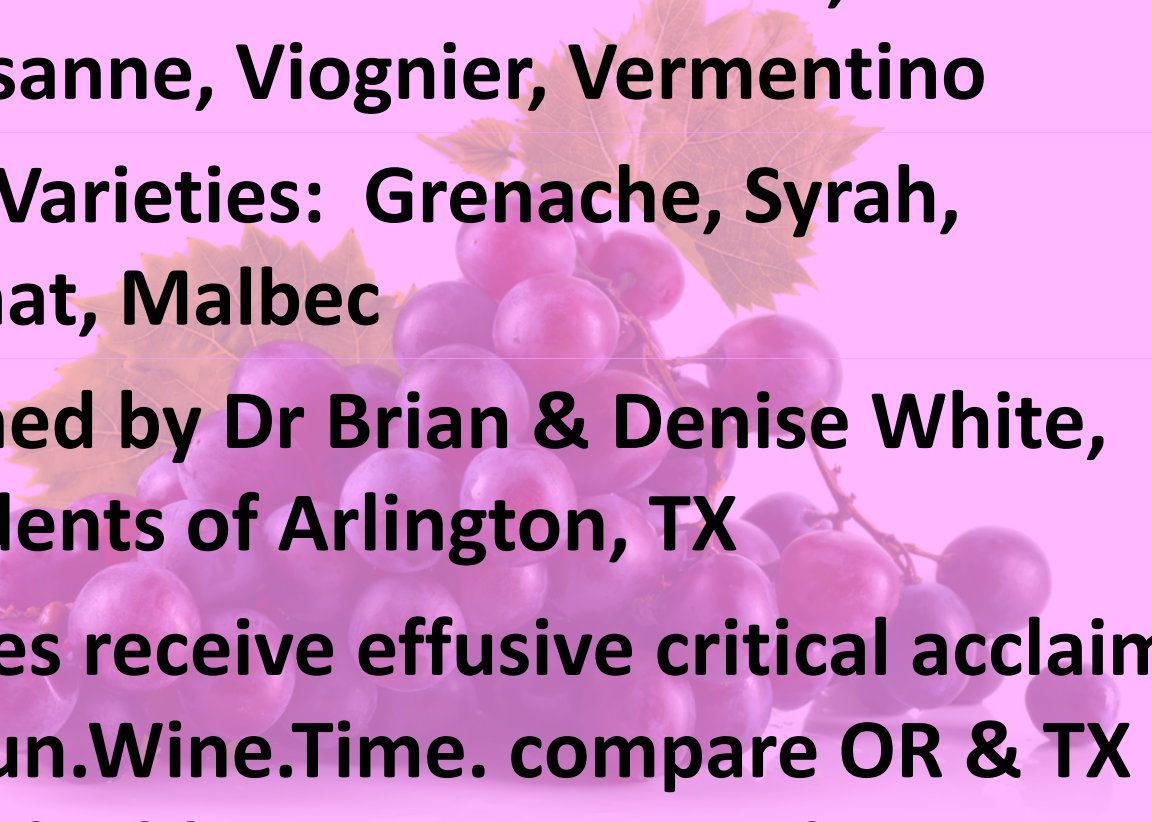
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- **Mike Nelson, Ab Astris Winery,  
Texas Hill Country AVA**
- **Todd Crowell, Ron Yates Wine & Spicewood  
Vineyards, Texas Hill Country AVA**

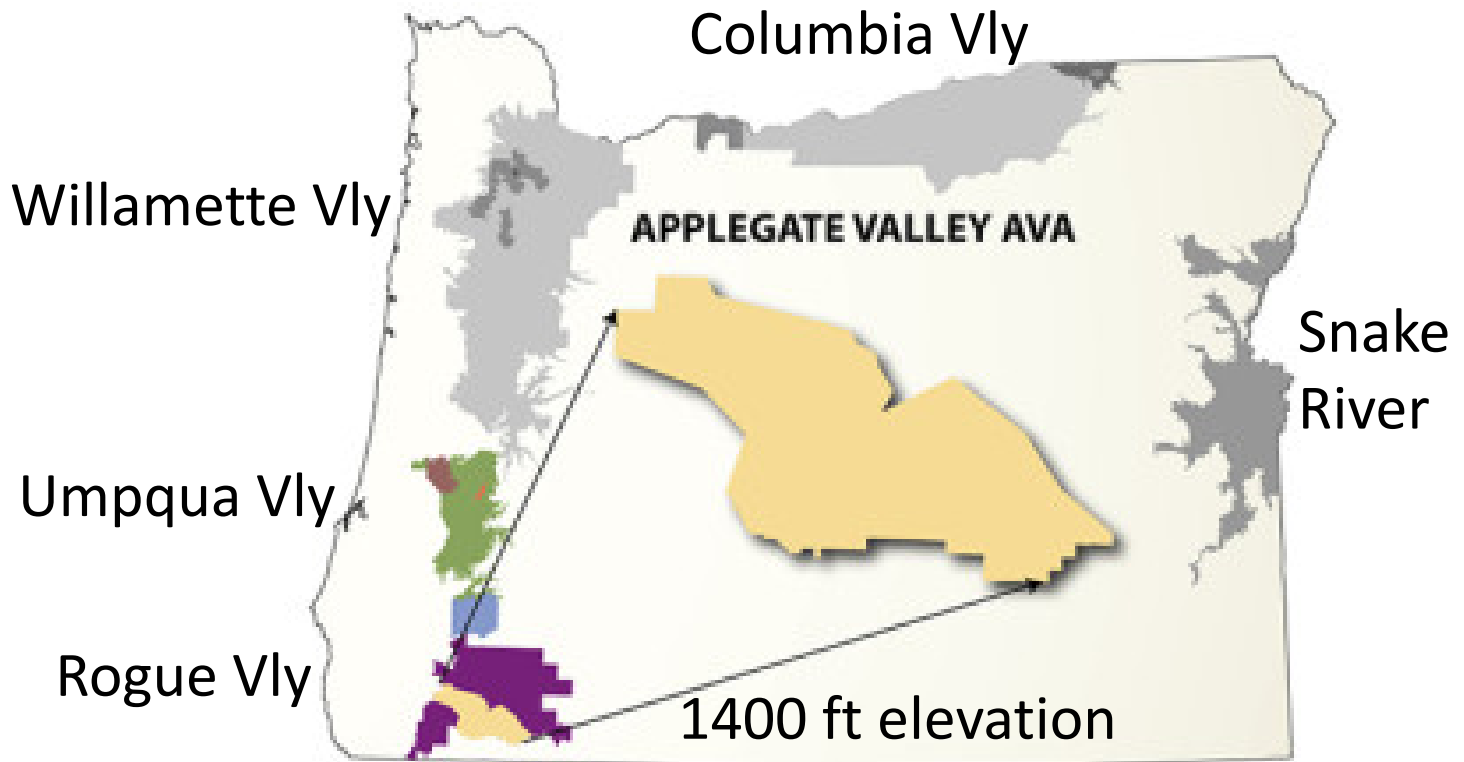
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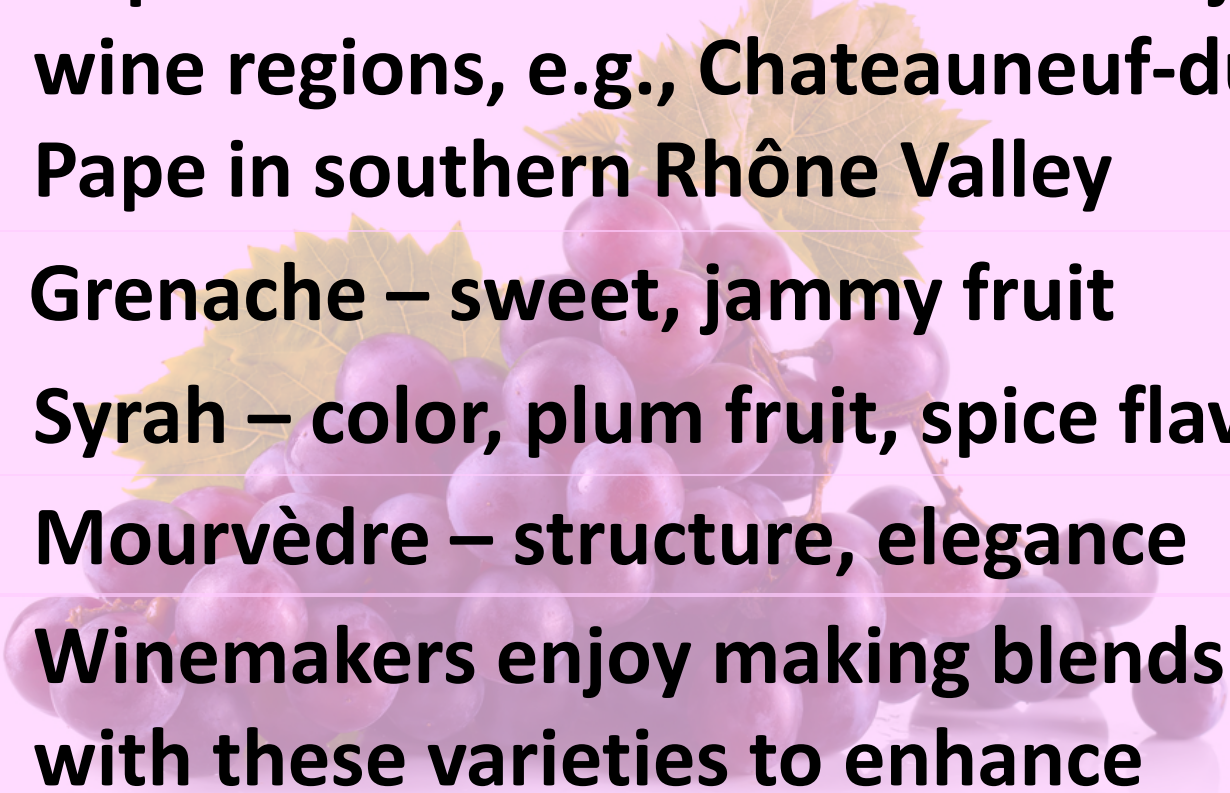
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# **Grenache, Syrah, Mourvèdre**

- **Important G-S-M blends from major wine regions, e.g., Chateauneuf-du-Pape in southern Rhône Valley**
  - **Grenache – sweet, jammy fruit**
  - **Syrah – color, plum fruit, spice flavors**
  - **Mourvèdre – structure, elegance**
  - **Winemakers enjoy making blends with these varieties to enhance aroma & flavor characteristics**
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## Tannat

- **Dark, firm, typically tannic wines with black raspberry fruit & cocoa notes**
- **Primary variety in Madiran region of France & Uruguay in South America**
- **Experiments to soften Madiran Tannat with oxygen aeration led to micro-oxidation process development**
- **Warm-climate Tannat growing in popularity in Texas & Oregon**



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# Ab Astris Winery Tannat 2016

- **Grape(s):**
  - ✓ **Tannat 100%**  
**14.2% ABV**
  - ❖ **Newsom Vineyards**  
**Plains, TX (Yoakum Cty)**  
**Texas High Plains AVA**

- **Mike Nelson, John Rivenburgh,**  
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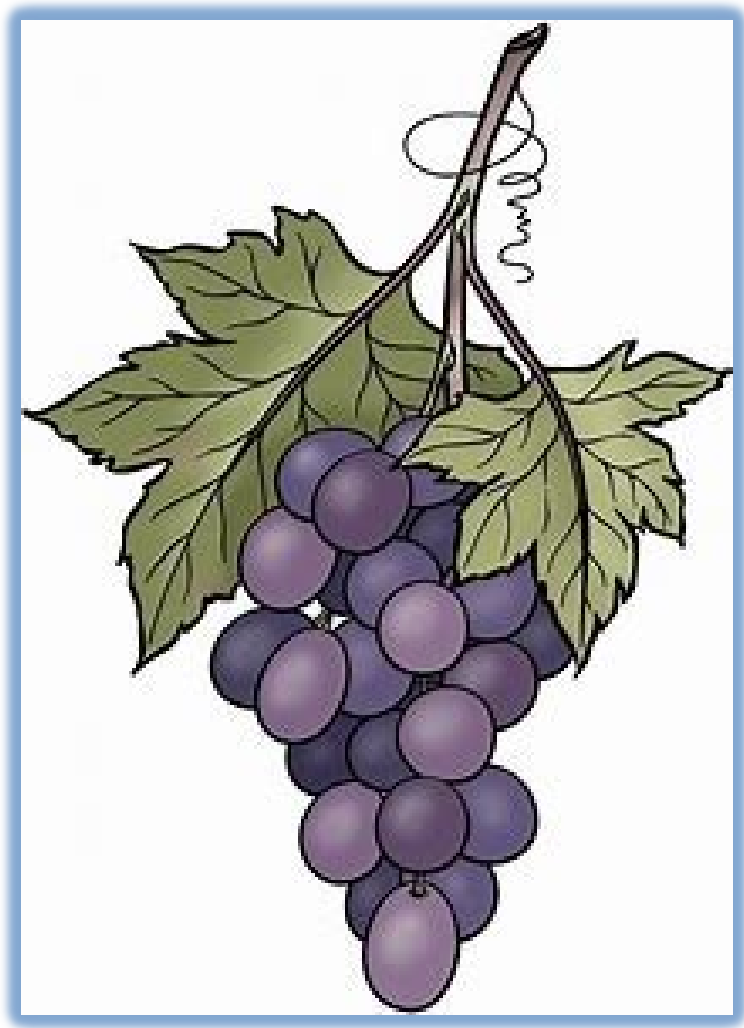


# Ron Yates GSM Blend 2016

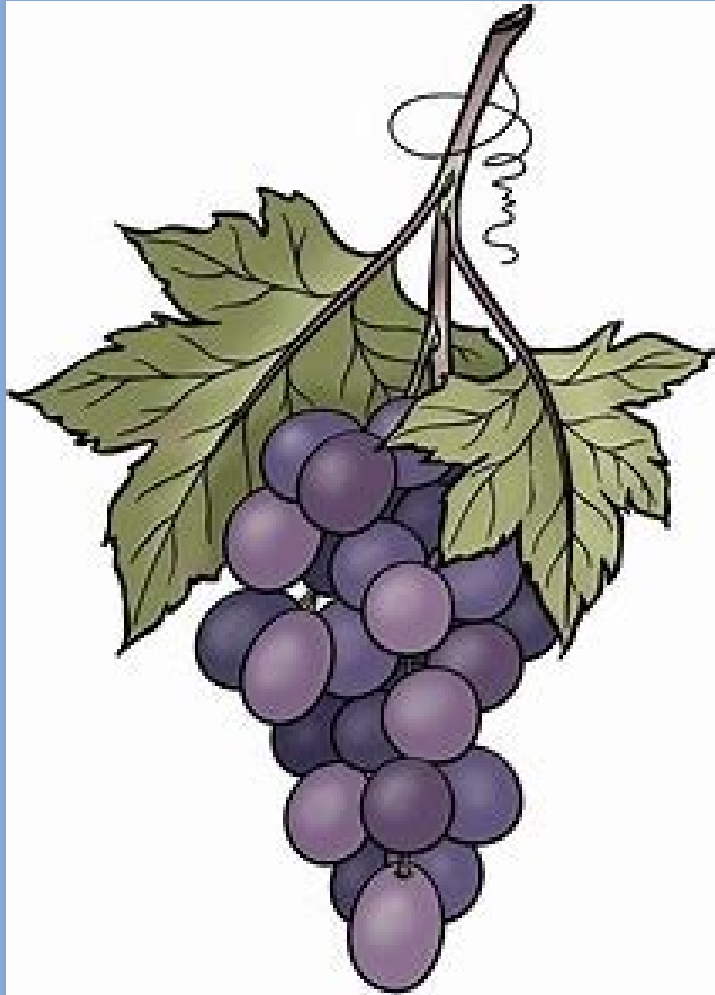
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  - ❖ Trans-Pecos Region TX
  - ❖ ?? Vineyard(s)

- **Todd Crowell, Reagan Sivadon,  
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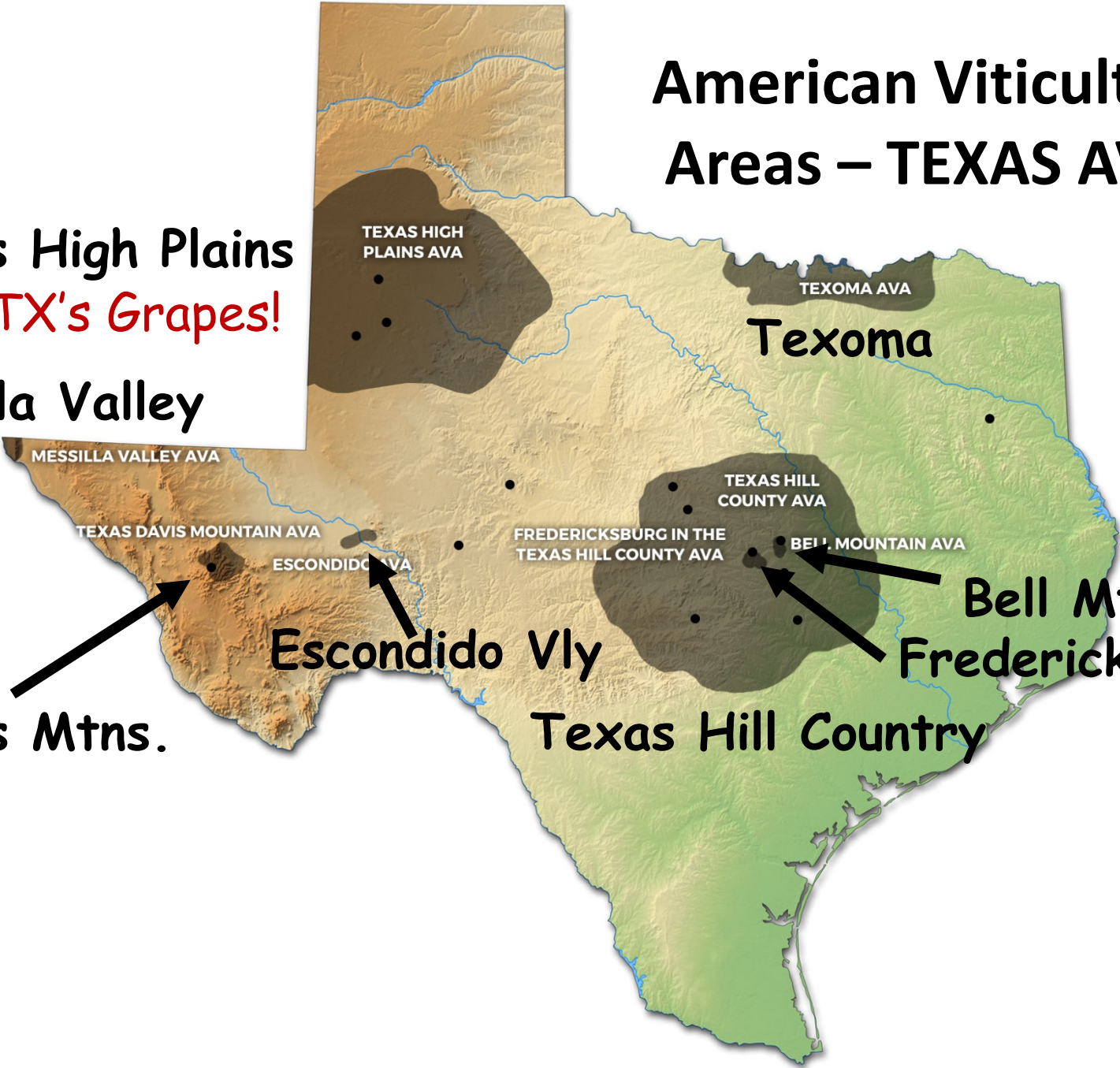
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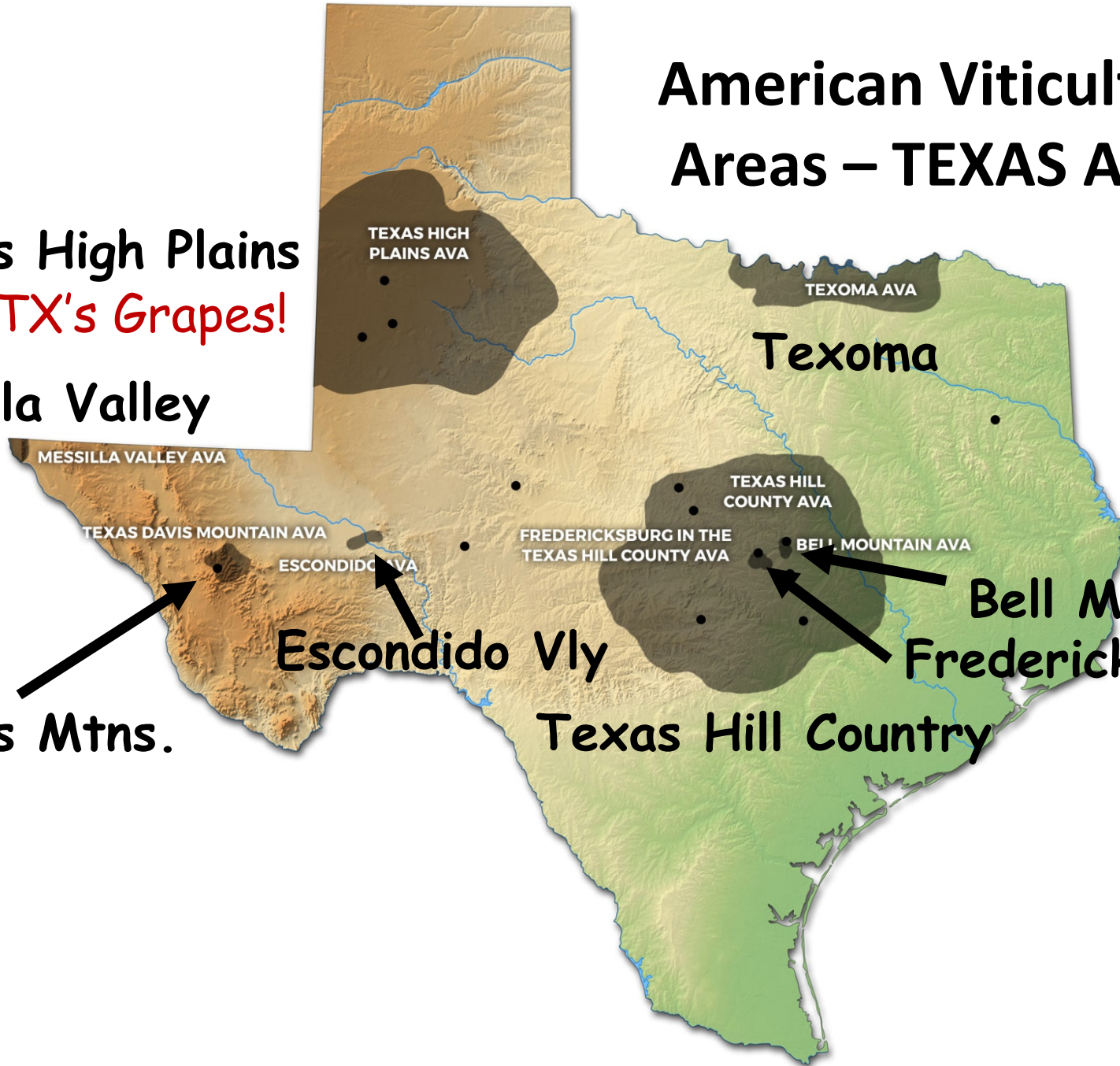
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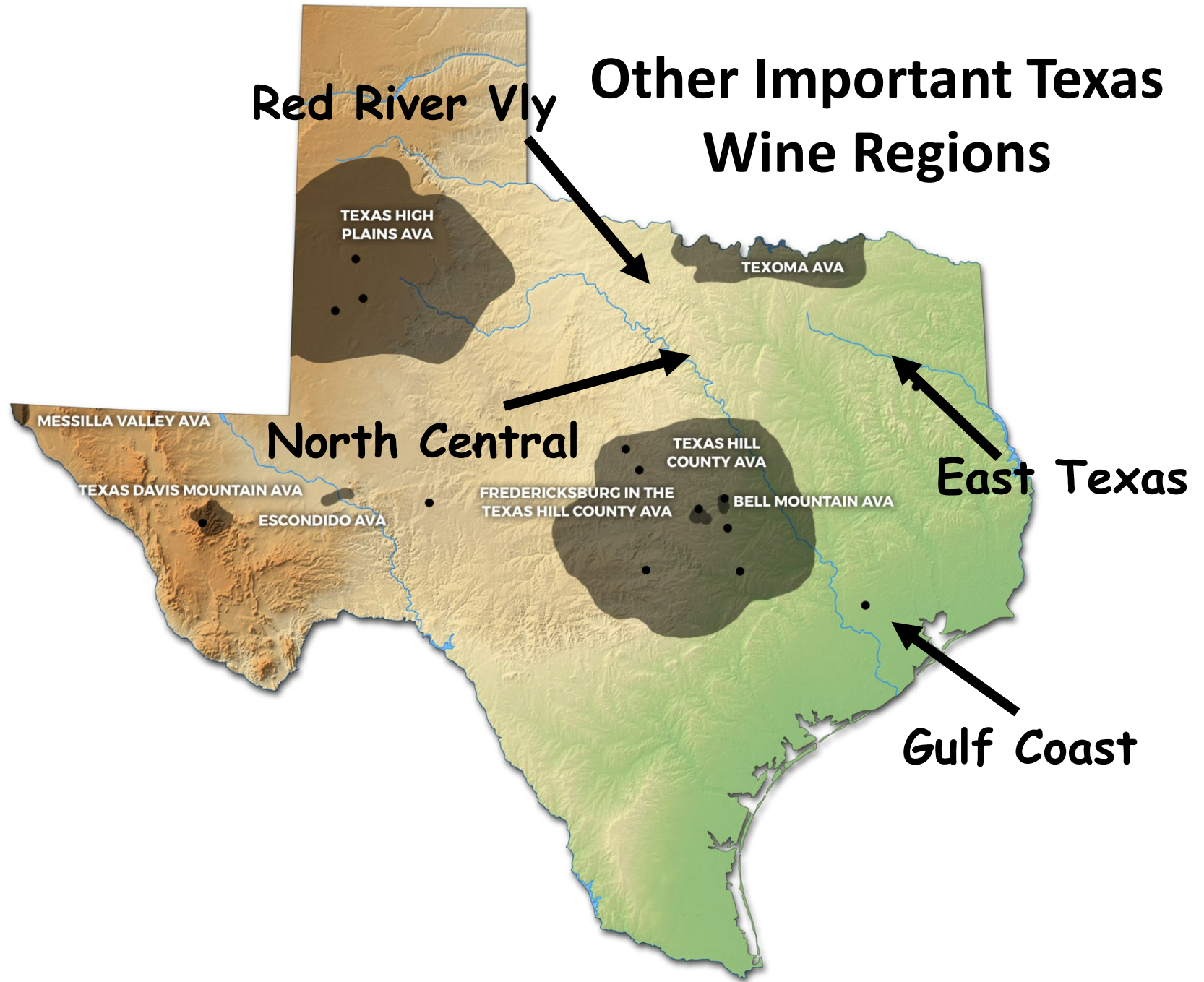
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# Other Important Texas Wine Regions



Red River Vly

North Central

East Texas

Gulf Coast

TEXAS HIGH PLAINS AVA

TEXOMA AVA

MESSILLA VALLEY AVA

TEXAS DAVIS MOUNTAIN AVA

ESCONDIDO AVA

FREDERICKSBURG IN THE TEXAS HILL COUNTY AVA

TEXAS HILL COUNTY AVA

BELL MOUNTAIN AVA