

**WINE RECOMMENDATION**

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**Fall Creek Vineyards****2005 Chardonnay  
(Texas)**

What does Texas have in common with France? Well, they are roughly the same size. Beyond that, it is hard to say. Nonetheless, winery owners Ed and Susan Auler, who founded their winery in 1975, were so inspired by their trip abroad that when they came back home, they decided to become vignerons. They started with French-American hybrid grapes and then later moved into *vinifera*, growing grapes on their ranch in the Texas Hill Country appellation. Situated on the northwest shores of Lake Buchanan, the vineyard receives cooling breezes, and has sandy loam soil. The combination works for a wide range of grapes.

Bright straw yellow with golden highlights and fairly viscous, the wine has an intriguing perfume of honeydew melon, violet, nilla wafer, butterscotch pudding and butterscotch hard candy. On the palate the fruit is ripe and juicy with cantaloupe, banana, mango, pear and apple. Underlying caramel notes give depth. The wine is very well balanced, and has a long, clean, fresh finish.

Reviewed July 12, 2007 by [Catherine Fallis](#).

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**Winery:** [Fall Creek Vineyards](#)

**Vintage:** 2005

**Wine:** Chardonnay

**Appellation:** [Texas](#)

**Grape:** [Chardonnay](#)

**Price:** \$11.99

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