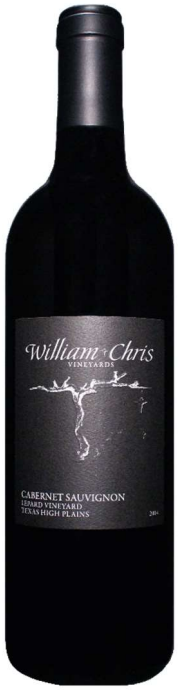
William Chris
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2014 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

LEPARD VINEYARD
TEXAS HIGH PLAINS



100% Cabernet Sauvignon | Lepard Vineyard

Alcohol: 12.7%

Aging: 100% new French oak
124 cases produced
Bottled: 7/28/16

William Chris Vineyards has a select holding on the Lepard Vineyard in the Texas High Plains and it is one of our older blocks of Cabernet Sauvignon. These vines have a big canopy and have a matching canopy-to-fruit ratio (more canopy = more vegetation). Although 2014 was a tough year for Cabernet in the Texas High Plains due to a bad freeze and the crop was small, the quality was high. The fruit sat on the its skins for about 2 weeks, along with a bit of Petit Verdot skins from the neighboring vineyard for co-pigmentation during fermentation. This Cabernet has a lot of pyrazine aspects (rock-forming inosilicate minerals found in metamorphic and igneous rocks) which do lend a bell pepper aroma to the wine. Black pepper and olive can also be experienced on the palate, in part due to the pyrazines.

Black currant tint stirred with hints of prune, spiced plum tart, cinnamon candy, and clove pierced orange peel. Fragrant with autumn spice and gingerbread, the palate stands bright with baked raspberry and key lime pie. Tannins are nicely integrated, which makes it very friendly for immediate enjoyment. A promising future for elegant aging.

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