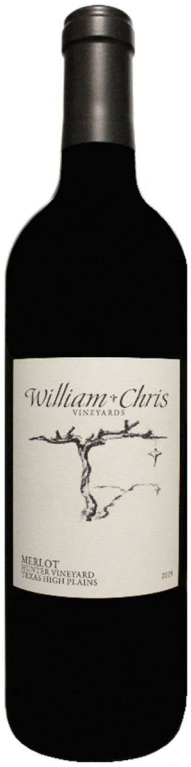
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VINEYARDS

2015 MERLOT

HUNTER VINEYARD
TEXAS HIGH PLAINS



100% Merlot | Hunter Vineyard | Brownfield, TX

Alcohol: 14.3%		pH: 3.73
TA: 6.7		RS: 0.0
VA: 0.78		Malic Acid: 0.0

291 cases produced
Bottled: 5/25/17
Aging: 20 months French oak, 70% new

The Hunter Vineyard is one of the oldest vineyards in Terry County and one of the first that William planted in 1986 for Jacque and Eunice Hunter. This eastern Brownfield soil is a deep Amarillo fine sandy loam, laid over a bed of clay with limestone underneath. This Hunter Merlot is the first single varietal wine from the vineyard. Chris and Josh felt it important to deconstruct the Hunter blend (Malbec/Merlot) to show off the Merlot's characteristics and to help consumers further understand the Hunter itself. Typically, the team co-ferments the Malbec and Merlot or blend it soon after fermentation. This year, the decision was made to ferment them separately because of the elevated flavors and aromas experienced in each individually. The best barrels were then hand selected and the Hunter Merlot was born.

Cherry and chocolate nuances appear on the nose. This medium body wine has a smokiness that is encircled in dark cherry. A perception of pomegranate & elderberry are present, with hints of oak that trace down the middle, alongside a balance of tannins. The finish is subtle, leaving the tongue without haste. Easily drinking now, through 2022.

Flat Iron Steak | Lamb Burger | Thyme | Veal Chop | Mushrooms | Bean Dishes | Beef Wellington | Risotto | Cheeses: Gouda, Pont l'Eveque, Beaufort, Istara

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