



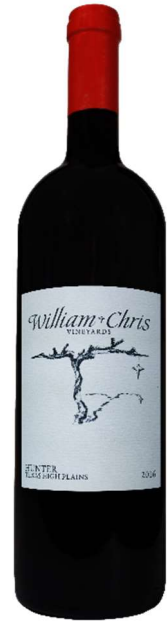
2016 HUNTER

TEXAS HIGH PLAINS AVA

75% Merlot | Texas High Plains AVA | Hunter Vineyard
25% Malbec | Texas High Plains AVA | Gilliam Gap Vineyards

Alcohol: 13.4% | pH: 3.69
TA: 6.6 g/L | RS: 0.0 g/L
Malic Acid: 0.0

Aging: 20% new French oak, 80% neutral oak aged for 20 months
Bottled: June 2018
Cases produced: 1,106



Bill recalls his childhood playing with family friends in West Texas. In fact, he considered Eunice and Jacque Hunter as part of the family. Eunice was lifelong friends with Bill and Carol's mother Mary Ruth. Eunice had admired Mary Ruth's vineyard for some time, so much so, that one day in 1986, she called Mary Ruth and told her she wanted Bill to plant her a vineyard like Mary Ruth had.

Bill obliged and soon planted his second vineyard on Eunice's land. In 1996, the same year he moved to the Hill Country, he added Merlot vines to the Cabernet Sauvignon he had originally planted. After his relocation to the Hill Country, Bill hired someone to manage the vineyard since he was away but never forgot about those vines.

When Bill and Chris decided to form a wine growing partnership, Bill told Chris he thought they could make some great wine from the Hunter vines that were now 20-plus-years old and well-established. The Cabernet Sauvignon vines produced two good years of grapes before they were retired and replaced with more Merlot. Since 2010, William Chris has created a version of Hunter and each time we release this William Chris favorite, it is here today and gone tomorrow.

Careful farming, the age of the vines, and a dose of good luck from Mother Nature consistently produces high-quality, multi-layered fruit providing an excellent representation of the High Plains terroir. This year, the winemakers chose to complement the Hunter Merlot fruit out of Terry County with a dash of Gilliam Gap Malbec from neighboring Hockley County. Enjoy!

Drink now through 2025.

✦ Ribeye | Jambalaya | Mushroom Risotto | Soft Cheeses | Pizza | Eggplant Parmesan