William Chris
VINEYARDS

2016 MALBEC

GILLIAM GAP VINEYARDS
TEXAS HIGH PLAINS AVA



100% Malbec | Texas High Plains AVA | Gilliam Gap Vineyards

Alcohol: 12.9% | pH: 3.55
TA: 6.5 g/L | RS: 0 g/L
Malic Acid: 0 g/L

Soil: Amarillo fine sandy loam over clay base with calcareous sub-soil
Aging: 20% new French oak, 80% neutral French oak for 16 months
Bottled: June 2018
Cases produced: 672

Central to creating excellent Texas wine is finding the highest quality fruit. Bill and Chris have travelled high and low across Texas to find fruit that not only matches their high-quality standards but also is farmed by growers who are similarly minded, ecologically responsible, and passionate about showcasing the Texas terroir.

With this thought in mind, Chris visited Dustin Gilliam owner and grower of Gilliam Gap Vineyards in Ropesville, Texas. Malbec is notoriously tricky to grow because of its thin skin and susceptibility to damage from late season precipitation. However, Dustin's evident dedication to quality and comparable value system convinced Chris to bring Bill back for a visit. Bill too liked what Dustin was doing but what drove the connection home was when Bill asked Chris to take a short detour. Just a field away from Dustin's vineyard, Bill discovered an area that he spent time in as a child. In fact, he used to walk through the very fields that had become Dustin's vineyard. With this fateful indicator and the strong connection they'd established with Dustin, Bill and Chris welcomed Gilliam Gap Vineyards into the William Chris portfolio.

Today, the pair work closely with Dustin to maintain the integrity of the crop load by pruning clusters from the vines should they become overloaded and carefully managing the timing of harvest.

Drink now through 2025.

Grilled Chicken | Roast Turkey | Blue Cheese | Aged Cheddar | Manchego | Iberico

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