William Chris
VINEYARDS

2016 MALBEC

LOST DRAW VINEYARDS
TEXAS HIGH PLAINS AVA



100% Malbec | Texas High Plains AVA | Lost Draw Vineyards

Alcohol: 13.1% | pH: 3.54
TA: 6.3 g/L | RS: 0.0 g/L
Malic Acid: 0.0

Soil: sandy loam
Aging: 20% French oak, 80% neutral oak aged for 20 months
Bottled: June 2018
Cases produced: 504
Drinkability: now through 2025

Many winegrowers would say that terroir defines a wine's taste and the winemaking process enhances the flavors that terroir brings to the fruit. Malbec, a full-bodied French grape, ripens to such a deep color of purple that it's often referred to as the "black grape." Despite its rich color, the grape can be finicky due to its thin skin and susceptibility to rot.

Warm, sunny conditions in upper elevations with ample breezes and careful pruning bring out the best in these grapes. Few people know the Texas High Plains terroir and how to better manage this sensitive grape better than longtime William Chris partner, Andy Timmons from Lost Draw Vineyards.

Often, our winemaking team uses this fruit as a blending grape for our Hunter blend, as well as for creating a single varietal Malbec, but the fruit from 2016 was exceptional. So, we decided to reserve all of the grapes from the 2016 harvest for the second vintage of our Lost Draw single varietal Malbec.

Bison Burgers | Mushrooms | Blue Cheese | Lamb | Roasted Pork | Dark Poultry | Baked Ziti

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