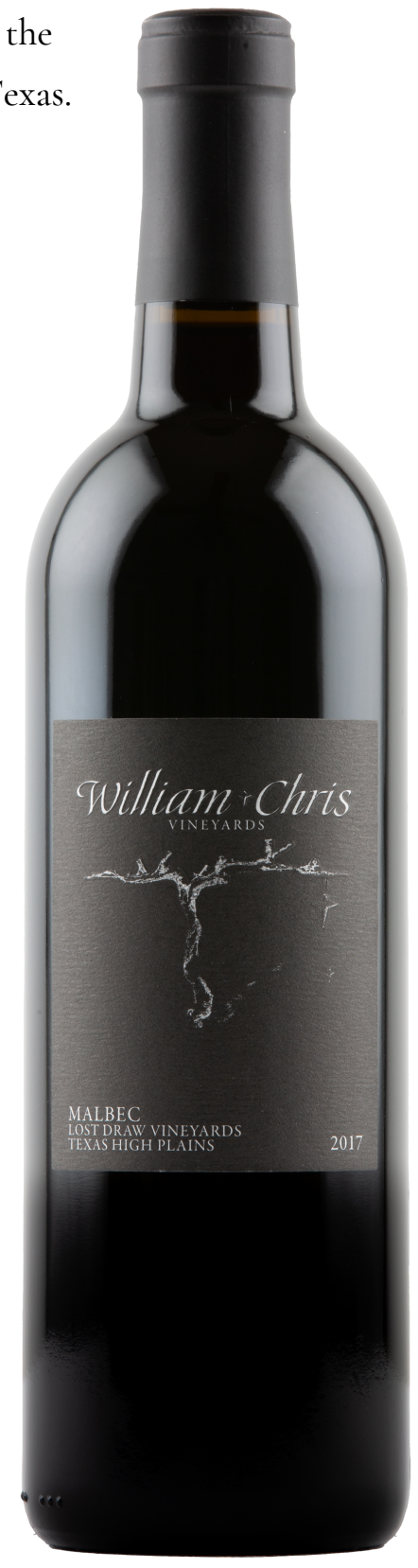
William Chris
VINEYARDS

Focused on Texas grown wines made in an Old World style with low-intervention winemaking. Since 2008, founders William "Bill" Blackmon and Chris Brundrett have sourced grapes from Estate vineyards and partners alike, prizing sustainable practices and the expression of Texan terroir.

2017 MALBEC Lost Draw Vineyard

Thin-skinned yet inky in color, Malbec is a black grape variety that rewards its growers with rich, wild aromas. Whilst insisting on growing in a climate that is quite warm to ripen fully, the grape is also susceptible to the many challenges of growing in Texas. Only select sites and responsible growers can coax Malbec out of Texas.

VARIETIES: 100% Malbec



Vineyard: Lost Draw Vineyard

AVA: Texas High Plains



Tended to by the modern pioneers of the Texas vineyard management, Andy and Lauren Timmons planted Lost Draw Vineyard way back in 2005. Their 75 acres are devoted to grapes that can be grown sustainably in the semi-arid Texas High Plains AVA, as are the other vineyard sites they manage. Sustainability means farming that focuses on the future grapevine health.

2017 VINTAGE: This will probably go down as the best vintage of the decade. Plenty of dry, warm, sunny days and cool nights resulted in a textbook-perfect growing season.

TASTING NOTES

A juicy nose of wild strawberry, red currant, kirsch and baking chocolate with intriguing aromas of gooseberry, rosehip, slate, cassis, coffee bean, wintergreen, and pine. Juicy on the palate, with roundness and medium plus body. Balancing acidity that lingers into earthiness.

FOOD PAIRING



Pair with carne guisada, roasted beef tenderloin, or flame-grilled flank steak.

WINEMAKING: Fermented in large oak fermenter.

Aged for 25 months in 35% new French oak barrels and the rest in neutral oak barrels.

AGE OF VINES: 12 years

Serve at 60°F

SOIL TYPE: Amarillo fine sandy loam over limestone

Drink now to 2027

ELEVATION: 3,100 - 3,600 ft

ABV: 13.3% | pH: 3.56 | TA: 8.2 g/L | RS: 0.00 g/L

CASES PRODUCED: 268

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