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.

2018 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.

2018 VINTAGE: A warm year where the grapes ripened quite early resulting in a mid-July start to harvest in the Hill Country. Despite this the grapes still came in with great balance of acidity.

TASTING NOTES

Smoke and tobacco ash on the nose open up to tart blackberry, black pepper, violet oil, and red and black currant. The palate is perfectly balanced, medium-bodied, with just-ripe black plum notes emerging. Solid finely-grained tannins will hold the wine over time.

FOOD PAIRING



Skin-on chicken and slightly gamey birds like duck with an earthy side such as farro or mushrooms.

WINEMAKING: Fermented in stainless steel tanks for 10 days.

Aged for 20 months in 10% new French oak barrels and 90% neutral oak barrels.

AGE OF VINES: 13 years

Serve at 60°F | Decant

SOIL TYPE: Amarillo fine sandy loam over limestone

Drink now to 2028

ELEVATION: 3,100 - 3,600 ft

ABV: 12.2% | pH: 3.68 | TA: 6.1 g/L | RS: 0.0 g/L

CASES PRODUCED: 596

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