William Chris
VINEYARDS

ARTIST BLEND BY WILLIAM CHRIS

NON-VINTAGE | RELEASED SPRING 2016



23% Mourvèdre | 2014 La Pradera Vineyard | Brownfield, TX
22% Syrah | 2015 Lahey Vineyard | Brownfield, TX
20% Grenache | 2015 Bounty Harvest Vineyards | Seminole, TX
19% Syrah | 2015 High Cross Vineyards | Sonora, TX
10% Tannat | 2014 Hye Estate Vineyard | Hye, TX
6% Grenache | 2014 Salt Lick Vineyards | Driftwood, TX

Alcohol: 13.2% | pH: 3.82
TA: 6 | RS: 0
VA: .71 | Malic Acid: 0

781 cases produced
Bottled: 3/25/16

The year's Artist Blend by William Chris is an amalgamation of Grenache, Syrah, and Mourvèdre, with the late addition of Tannat. Working on this traditional blend of GSM, our winemaking team was inspired after a trip to the Sierra Foothills AVA where they tasted a handful of GSMT's (Grenache, Syrah, and Mourvèdre, blended with Tannat). The untraditional addition of Tannat ended up being the key to rounding out this Rhone-style blend. Enjoy through 2020.

Each year, the Artist Blend's label has donned a piece of artwork. Both Mary Ruth (William and Carol's mother) and William's paintings have been exhibited on previous vintages. Then, in 2013, William Chris began conducting a "call for an artist contest" where the public has the opportunity to submit their artwork and compete for a chance to be on the next bottle. Our very own Wine Club Members then vote to select the winner. The artist is then invited to hold a gallery showing at William Chris Vineyards during our annual Spring Release Party. This vintage features "Light Water" by Lindsey Redifer, a local artist in Austin, Texas.

Medium-full bodied with ample color saturation showing blackberry & currant-like tint. The nose offers subtle baking spice and ripe berries muddled with dried herbs de Provence. The palate awakens with vibrant ripe forest berries, layered and textured with allspice, cinnamon, and muddled blueberry skins that float into a velvety mocha finish.

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