

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.

NV CIBOLA II

The present-day Texas High Plains was explored by Francisco Vázquez de Coronado in 1541. His expedition was in search of Cibola, the Seven Cities of Gold. The mythical cities were never discovered, but William Chris has found their “Cibola” in the vines grown in the Texas High Plains. The first vintage of Cibola was way back in 2010.

VARIETIES: 92% Orange Muscat, 8% Black Spanish

VINEYARDS: Lost Draw Vineyard, Lloyd Vineyard (8%)

COUNTIES: Terry, Smith



Tended to by the modern pioneers of 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 future grapevine health. Lloyd Vineyard in Tyler was dedicated to a grape that succeeds in far East Texas — Black Spanish (or Lenoir).

NV: This is a non-vintage wine

TASTING NOTES

Intensely aromatic aromas hit the nose as soon as the bottle is opened. In the glass, the wine smells of honey bourbon and maple, with the fresh balance of orange peel and acacia. The palate is richly sweet and lusciously textured – perfect with dessert and a cigar.

FOOD PAIRING



Pair with savory to sweet dishes – grilled and glazed meats, holiday fare, and sticky toffee pudding.



WINEMAKING: Fresh grape juice fermented in neutral oak barrels and was fortified with brandy to halt

fermentation and retain natural grape sugars. The wine then matured at warm temperatures to slowly cook,

or “madeirize.” Over the years since the base wine was made in 2013, new wine has been blended into the old.

Serve at 45° F

SOIL TYPE: Shallow Amarillo fine sandy loam over limestone base

Drink now to 2040

ELEVATION: 3,500 ft

ABV: 19.5% | pH: 3.75 | TA: 6.70 g/L | RS: 76 g/L

CASES PRODUCED: 500



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100% Texas grown wines.