



2010 The Estates Cabernet Sauvignon

Overview

In 1997, we planted our first vines in the Eastern Washington AVAs of the Columbia Valley and Wahluke Slope. At first glance, Eastern Washington is not your typical wine country. It's a remote, windswept, high desert dotted with sagebrush and tumbleweeds. But our family had been farming here since the mid-1950s, and we believed the region's moderate temperatures, low rainfall and sandy soils were ideal for grapes. To help with the planting and farming, we hired well-respected viticulturist James McFerran. Eight years later, after selling fruit to many of Washington's preeminent wineries, we started producing our own wines from the best vineyard blocks. Today, winemaker Joshua Maloney is handcrafting an award-winning spectrum of Milbrandt Vineyards wines from across the 2,000 acres of our renowned estate vineyards.

-Butch & Jerry Milbrandt

Vineyards

The Wahluke Slope AVA has one of the warmest and driest climates in the state--ideal for grape growing--and home to the three vineyards highlighted in our estate bottling of Cabernet Sauvignon. Our celebrated Northridge Vineyard features ancient and complex soils on top of an alluvial gravel bed that was deposited by ancient floods. Wahluke Slope Vineyard is home to some of the oldest Cabernet Sauvignon vines in the state. Sparse soils and older vines lead to early ripening grapes with mature flavors. Clifton Hill Vineyard features a rare, stratified layering of soils that were deposited by the ancient floods.

Tasting Notes

Our 2010 estate bottling of Cabernet Sauvignon is dense, full-bodied and complex. Black cherry, chocolate and coffee flavors and velvety mid-palate lead to a long, expressive finish. This wine pairs beautifully with rich protein dishes such as steak, lamb and duck.

Words from our Winemaker

"Eastern Washington produces some of the country's most acclaimed Cabernet Sauvignons. The Wahluke Slope is prized for wines with incredible depth and lushness. Our Cabernet Sauvignon delivers notes of coffee, cassis and black cherries, and finishes with long, round, smooth tannins."

-Joshua Maloney

Composition	89% Cabernet Sauvignon 6% Merlot 5% Malbec
AVA	Wahluke Slope
Vineyards	38% Northridge 35% Wahluke Slope 27% Clifton Hill
Harvest	October 2010
Alcohol	13.5%
TA	5 (g/L)
pH	4.04
Yeast	Prise de Mousse
Aging/oak	16 months in 30% new French & American oak
Cases	3,000