



2010 Sentinel



Milbrandt Family 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. 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 our renowned estate vineyards.

-Butch & Jerry Milbrandt

Northridge Vineyard

As with the previous vintages, our fourth bottling of Sentinel comes from our 92-acre Northridge Vineyard on the Wahluke Slope in Eastern Washington. The climate here is one of the warmest in the state; hot enough during the day to fully ripen grapes, yet cool enough at night to ensure bright acids and firm tannins. The Northridge Vineyard is a south-facing site with ancient soils that rests in the foothills of the Saddle Mountain range above the floodplain from the last great ice age more than 16 million years ago. It is these ancient soils that give us some of our most concentrated and complex wines.

Tasting Notes

We created Sentinel to express the personality of a single terroir. Sentinel showcases the unique climate, topography and geology of one of Washington's marquee Cabernet Sauvignon vineyards, Northridge Vineyard. A blend of Bordeaux varieties, it is dark, ripe and jammy with aromas of Bing cherry, blackberry and dark roasted coffee. The palate is both muscular and silky with deep black currants and an underlying hint of creamy caramel. This is a full-bodied wine that is both broad and velvety on the finish, and will pair beautifully with beef, pork, lamb, pastas with red sauce or strong cheeses.

2010

90+ points; *Wine Advocate*
92 points; *Wine Spectator*

2009

2012 List of 100 Best Bottles of Washington Wine
91 points; *Seattle Metropolitan*

2006

91 points; *Wine Advocate*

2007

92+ points; *Wine Advocate*
91 points; *Wine Spectator*

Composition	94% Cabernet Sauvignon 5% Malbec 1% Petit Verdot
AVA	Wahluke Slope
Vineyard	100% Northridge
Alcohol	15%
TA	5 g/L
pH	4.00
Brix	25.9
Yeast	Prise de Mousse
Aging/oak	16 months in 30% new French oak
Cases	600 (6pk/750ml)