



## 2010 Vineyard Series Petite Sirah

### Wine is an expression of place

We created our Vineyard Series with the idea that each wine be handcrafted to reveal the unique characteristics of our estate vineyards on the Wahluke Slope. With rigorous vineyard management and meticulous winemaking, we highlight the singularity of each individual vineyard. Established in 2006, the Wahluke Slope AVA has gained a reputation as a premier grape growing area known for its long sunny days, cool nights and distinctive terrior. The Milbrandt family is among the pioneers of this region, producing wines of typicity with rich complexity and textural elegance.

*-Butch & Jerry Milbrandt*

### 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

Our Petite Sirah offers vivid aromatics of cherry, blackberry and currant that give way to juicy, vibrant flavors of plum and boysenberry with subtle notes of black pepper. This full-bodied wine delivers a perfect balance of acid and fruit, with bold tannins and a long, rich finish.

### Words from our Winemaker

“Our Northridge Vineyard is known for producing dense wines with dark, rich color; the perfect place for Petite Sirah. Highlighted by a touch of elegance and polish, our Petite Sirah is dark and brooding in color with bright, roasted fruit flavors of black cherry, plum and a touch of black pepper.”

*-Joshua Maloney*

<b>Composition</b>	<b>88% Petite Sirah 10% Petit Verdot 1% Malbec 1% Grenache</b>
<b>AVA</b>	<b>Wahluke Slope</b>
<b>Vineyard</b>	<b>90% Northridge 10% Wahluke Slope</b>
<b>Harvest</b>	<b>11/02/2010</b>
<b>Alcohol</b>	<b>13.5%</b>
<b>TA</b>	<b>5.1 (g/100mL)</b>
<b>pH</b>	<b>3.65</b>
<b>Aging/oak</b>	<b>16 months in 30% new French &amp; American oak</b>
<b>Cases</b>	<b>200</b>