



2011 Traditions 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. Eight years later 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

Our Traditions bottling of 2011 Cabernet Sauvignon is comprised of wine grapes harvested from the Columbia Valley, the heart of Washington Wine Country. At most of our Wahluke Slope sites, our vines are planted on south-facing slopes to increase sun exposure in the summer and promote air circulation in the winter. In 2011, a cool and wet spring delayed bloom and led to a light fruit set on the vines. The summer was mild, but transitioned into a long Indian summer with warm temperatures and an abundance of sunshine through October. The result was an exceptional vintage with beautiful color, flavor intensity and perfectly balanced acidity.

Tasting Notes

Our 2011 Cabernet Sauvignon is smooth and rich with classic Cabernet Sauvignon aromas of ripe plum, blackberry and subtle notes of mint. Layered dark cherry and mocha flavors, paired with gentle tannins and a full, luscious finish, make our Cabernet Sauvignon an impeccable pairing with roasted meats, cassoulet or barbecue.

Words from our Winemaker

"Our Cabernet Sauvignon is dark, velvety and complex with layered flavors of black cherry, blackberry, cassis, mocha and a hint of mint."

-Joshua Maloney

Composition 83% Cabernet Sauvignon
12% Merlot
5% Petit Verdot

AVA Columbia Valley

Vineyards Katherine Leone
Clifton Bluff
Wahluke Slope
Northridge
Clifton

Harvest Date 10/12/2011

Alcohol 13.5%

pH 3.81

TA .55

Aging/oak Barrel aged in new
American oak

Cases 16,400