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vineyards

2011 Vineyard Series Primitivo

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

Our first vintage of Primitivo comes from the Northridge Vineyard on the Wahluke Slope. The climate here is one of the warmest in the state; hot during the day to fully ripen grapes, yet cool 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.

Tasting Notes

Our 2011 Vineyard Series Primitivo has aromas of blackberry jam, hints of chocolate covered cherry with notes of clove and dried parsley giving way to a generous fruit-driven palate, velvety tannins and a smooth, round finish.

Words from our Winemaker

“Traditionally known for coming from the Puglia region of southern Italy, Primitivo, also goes by the name Zinfandel here in the USA. Our Primitivo is deeply colored, rich and concentrated with flavors of Bing cherry, spicy clove, wild raspberry jam and a hint of pepper on the finish.”

-Joshua Maloney

Composition	99% Primitivo 1% Syrah
AVA	Wahluke Slope
Vineyard	100% Northridge
Harvest	11/16/2011
Alcohol	14.5%
TA	6.2 (g/L)
pH	3.54
Aging/oak	16 months in 35% new French & American oak
Cases	250