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vineyards

2011 Vineyard Series Tempranillo

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

Vineyards

The fruit for our 2011 Vineyard Series Tempranillo is from our Wahluke Slope and Clifton Hill vineyards in the Wahluke Slope AVA. The sparse and shallow soils of the Wahluke Slope Vineyard, combined with the older vines in this site, lead to early-ripening grapes with mature flavors, creating wines that are dark and complex. This site features a rare, stratified layering of diverse soils that were deposited by ancient floods and reworked by the winds.

Tasting Notes

Our 2011 Tempranillo bursts with rich aromas of black cherry, rose petal and a touch of leather. This wine is soft and balanced across the palate with earthy flavors complemented by plum and dried cranberry giving way to supple tannins and long, silky finish.

Words from our Winemaker

"Tempranillo is the dominant grape variety grown in Spain's Rioja region. The Tempranillo from our Wahluke Slope vineyards is fruit forward in style and shows the characteristic flavors of plum, cherry and strawberry with a touch of earthy minerality on the finish."

-Joshua Maloney

Composition	77% Tempranillo 23% Syrah
AVA	Wahluke Slope
Vineyards	77% Wahluke Slope 18% Clifton 5% Katherine Leone
Harvest	October 2011
Alcohol	13.5%
TA	5.7 (g/L)
pH	3.99
Aging/oak	16 months in 50% new French & American oak
Cases	250