

milbrandt vineyards



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**2010 The Estates Viognier
Wahluke Slope**

The Milbrandts farm over 2,000 acres in the Wahluke Slope, where their Clifton Vineyard—the source of this 100% varietal Viognier—is located. Creamy and refreshing, it's a mélange of lime rind and flesh, melon and pineapple, with the crispness of a mountain spring. The flavors build and build, with an elegant flourish as it finishes just as clean and refreshing as it began.



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**2009 The Estates Merlot
Wahluke Slope**

Dark and dusty, with streaks of metal and mineral, this complex Merlot retains the elegance so rarely found in domestic versions. Cassis and plum flavors melt into supple tannins soaked in espresso. Ready to drink now.



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BEST BUY!

**2010 Traditions Pinot Gris
Columbia Valley**

As with all the Milbrandt whites, this young wine retains exceptional freshness, and lifts the palate with lively acidity. Ripe pear and fig flavors are laced with streaks of vanilla bean and coconut flakes. A hint of fresh brioche gives the finish an extra dimension.



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**2010 Traditions Riesling
Columbia Valley**

Though technically off-dry, this tastes tart and racy, following its lively aromatics with crisp citrus-fruit flavors of Key lime, Satsuma orange, and ripe apricots. The fruit sources—Evergreen and Wahluke Slope vineyards—are among the best in Washington for Riesling.

-Paul Gregutt

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**2009 Traditions
Cabernet Sauvignon
Columbia Valley**

Forward and pretty, with broad blackberry, black cherry and cassis fruit, this instantly accessible Cabernet Sauvignon offers many pleasures for an affordable price. Smooth tannins taste lightly of clean earth, coffee and light herb, giving just enough grip to offset the lightness of the fruit.

