



2012 The Estates Viognier

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, after selling fruit to many of Washington's preeminent wineries, 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 our renowned estate vineyards.

-Butch & Jerry Milbrandt

Vineyards

The Wahluke Slope AVA is one of the warmest and driest climates in the state--ideal for grape growing--and is home to the two vineyards highlighted in our estate bottling of Viognier - Talcott and Clifton. These two sites are best known for Rhone-style varietals. Grapes from these vineyards create wines that are highly aromatic, fruit forward and full-bodied with smooth tannins.

Tasting Notes

Our 2012 Viognier has aromas of orange blossom, jasmine, wet stone and white peach with a hint of clove. This is a full-bodied wine with a lush, generous mid-palate that gives way to a refreshingly, crisp finish.

Words from our Winemaker

"The 2012 Viognier comes from our Clifton and Talcott Vineyards planted on the Wahluke Slope. Smooth, luscious, and full-bodied, The Estates Viognier has pronounced floral perfume notes of orange blossom and jasmine that make it the perfect pairing for mussels, clams or sea bass."

-Joshua Maloney

Composition	100% Viognier
AVA	Wahluke Slope
Vineyards	82% Talcott 18% Clifton
Harvest	09/20/2012
Alcohol	13.5%
RS	Dry
TA	7.6(g/L)
pH	3.33
Aging/oak	100% barrel aged in 20% new French oak
Cases	620