



## 2013 Traditions Riesling

### 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

Wine grapes for our 2013 Traditions Riesling were harvested from our Evergreen Vineyard within the Ancient Lakes of the Columbia Valley AVA. At most of our sites in this region, our vines are planted on south-facing slopes to increase sun exposure in the summer and promote air circulation in the spring and fall. The 2013 vintage was the warmest on record since 2003, the growing season cooled just in time for harvest. The result is white wines with ripe flavors and vivid acidity.

### Tasting Notes

Our Traditions Riesling is made in a refreshing, off-dry style with aromas and flavors of sweet Elberta peach, ripe Granny Smith apple and zesty Key lime. This wine is bright with a pronounced minerality, reminiscent of wet stone, on the mid-palate and a crisp fruit-driven finish.

### Tasting Notes

"Though 2013 was technically an 'average' vintage with regard to heat, temperatures routinely reached the high 90s or low 100s from mid-July through August. It also stayed warm late into the evening. Both of which are unusual for Washington. However, fall followed with near perfect growing conditions leading to a beautifully balanced vintage of Riesling with classic crisp, mineral characteristics."

*-Joshua Maloney*

<b>Composition</b>	<b>100% Riesling</b>
<b>AVA</b>	<b>Columbia Valley</b>
<b>Vineyard</b>	<b>Evergreen</b>
<b>Alcohol</b>	<b>11.5%</b>
<b>TA</b>	<b>8.6 (g/L)</b>
<b>pH</b>	<b>3.11</b>
<b>RS</b>	<b>1.1%</b>
<b>Harvest</b>	<b>October 2013</b>
<b>Aging</b>	<b>Stainless steel</b>