



# milbrandt

— V I N E Y A R D S —

## 2015 TRADITIONS CHARDONNAY

### 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

Washington State is one of those rare places on earth capable of producing great wines from both warm and cool climate varieties. Our mild climate, large diurnal temperature swings and extended sunlight hours during the summer months allow grapes to ripen slowly and evenly. For example, the 2015 vintage was the warmest in recent memory, the growing season cooled just in time for harvest. The result is white wines with ripe flavors and vibrant acidity.

### Tasting Notes

Our 2015 Traditions Chardonnay has inviting aromas of warm vanilla, hints of toast, ripe pear, crème brulee, burnt cream, and honey crisp apple. The palate has a bright generous entry, with a ripe fruit driven mid-palate, followed by bright acidity and a clean finish.

### Words from the Winemaker

*"The 2015 vintage was exceptionally warm, producing very ripe and luscious wines. This wine is predominantly from Evergreen Vineyard with a little bit of Wahluke Slope fruit to round it out. The combination of the ripe vintage, barrel fermentation and sur lie aging produced a wine of wonderful complexity and mouthfeel."*

-Emily Haines

**Composition** 100% Chardonnay

**AVA** Columbia Valley

**Alcohol** 13%

**TA** 5.20

**pH** 3.76

**Harvest** September 9 - 20

**Aging** 25% New American Oak for 6 months

**Cases** 6,100