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— V I N E Y A R D S —

2015 TRADITIONS EVERGREEN 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 Emily Haines is handcrafting an award-winning spectrum of Milbrandt Vineyards wines from our renowned estate vineyards.

-Butch & Jerry Milbrandt

Vineyards

The 2015 Traditions Riesling was 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 2014 vintage was the warmest on record since 2003, and the growing season cooled just in time for harvest. The result is white wines with ripe flavors and vivid acidity.

Tasting Notes

Our 2015 Traditions Riesling is made in a refreshing, off-dry style with aromas of sweet Elberta peach, ripe Granny Smith apple, and zesty Key lime. This wine is bright with a pronounced minerality, reminiscent of wet stone, and has a crisp clean finish.

Words from the Winemaker

"The 2015 vintage was uncharacteristically hot for Washington, which typically is not good for Riesling. However, we were very fortunate to be able to use only Evergreen Vineyard Riesling for this blend, which is a cool site that was not subjected to the same heat the rest of Washington experienced. The result is a Riesling with broad density in the mouthfeel, bright and ripe aromas, yet great acidity."

-Emily Haines

Composition	100% Riesling
AVA	Ancient Lakes of the Columbia Valley
Alcohol	11.5%
TA (g/L)	8.50
RS	1.2 %
pH	2.98
Harvest	October 16 - 28
Aging	Stainless Steel for 4 months
Cases	3684