

# milbrandt vineyards



## 2011 Brothers' Blend

*"Individually, we're just Butch and Jerry. But when we're working together we're like one really talented person."*

*-Butch & Jerry Milbrandt*

### Overview

The Milbrandt family has been farming the vast, windswept landscape of eastern Washington for nearly six decades. It's here in the Columbia Valley that brothers Butch and Jerry Milbrandt cultivate their estate vineyards for award-winning wines. The brothers are a perfect complement to each other in their work, just as the varietals in our red blend showcase the best components of our finest vineyards. To highlight the exceptional flavors of the 2011 vintage, we harvested premier fruit from our highest quality estate vineyards in the Wahluke Slope AVA.

### Tasting Notes

Our Brothers' Blend red wine offers enticing aromas of fresh blueberry, cherry, plum and vanilla. The palate is robust, yet supple, with generous flavors of dark berry, dense cocoa, vanilla and a hint of spice that is beautifully framed by polished tannins and a long, toasty finish. Our Brothers' Blend is a pleasure by itself, but also pairs well with anything from burgers and pizza to grilled steak and pasta puttanesca.

### Words from our Winemaker

"Our vineyards on the Wahluke Slope have developed a reputation for being some of the best sites in the Columbia Valley for growing red varieties. I made our Brothers' Blend to showcase the depth and complexity we are getting from our fruit. Bright and beautifully balanced, the 2011 Brothers' Blend is approachable now, but will also cellar nicely."

*-Joshua Maloney*

<b>Composition</b>	25% Cabernet Sauvignon 24% Syrah 17% Merlot 15% Malbec 10% Grenache 9% Tempranillo
<b>AVA</b>	Columbia Valley
<b>Harvest</b>	11/09/11
<b>Alcohol</b>	13.5%
<b>pH</b>	3.75
<b>TA</b>	.57
<b>Brix</b>	24.2
<b>Aging/Oak</b>	Barrel aged 16 months in American Oak
<b>Cases</b>	7,900