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## 2011 Vineyard Series Petit Verdot

### Wine is an expression of place

We created our Vineyard Series with the idea that each wine be handcrafted to reveal the unique characteristics of our estate vineyards on the Wahluke Slope. With rigorous vineyard management and meticulous winemaking, we highlight the singularity of each individual vineyard. Established in 2006, the Wahluke Slope AVA has gained a reputation as a premier grape growing area known for its long sunny days, cool nights and distinctive terroir. The Milbrandt family is among the pioneers of this region, producing wines of typicity with rich complexity and textural elegance.

**-Butch & Jerry Milbrandt**

### Vineyard

Our first vintage of Petit Verdot comes from the Northridge Vineyard on the Wahluke Slope. The climate here is one of the warmest in the state; hot during the day to fully ripen grapes, yet cool at night to ensure bright acids and firm tannins. The Northridge Vineyard is a south-facing site with ancient soils that rests in the foothills of the Saddle Mountain range above the floodplain from the last great ice age more than 16 million years ago.

### Tasting Notes

Petit Verdot is one of Bordeaux's classic red varieties. Our Petit Verdot has a dark, rich color with concentrated flavors of black licorice, molasses and ripe blackberry, following through with lingering aromas of vanilla and violet.

### Words from our Winemaker

"Traditionally Petit Verdot has been used in blends to add tannin, color and flavor; however, we found that Petit Verdot grown in the warm Wahluke Slope AVA, coupled with Washington's lengthy growing season, creates a smooth yet powerful wine."

**-Joshua Maloney**

<b>Composition</b>	<b>88% Petit Verdot 10% Cabernet Sauvignon 2% Merlot</b>
<b>AVA</b>	<b>Wahluke Slope</b>
<b>Vineyard</b>	<b>90% Northridge 10% Wahluke Slope</b>
<b>Harvest</b>	<b>November 2011</b>
<b>Alcohol</b>	<b>14.5%</b>
<b>TA</b>	<b>5.3 (g/L)</b>
<b>pH</b>	<b>3.87</b>
<b>Aging/oak</b>	<b>16 months in 35% new French &amp; American oak</b>
<b>Cases</b>	<b>250</b>