



## 2012 The Estates Ancient Lakes 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**

### Vineyard

The Evergreen Vineyard, located in the newly established Ancient Lakes of the Columbia Valley AVA, is recognized as one of the best Riesling sites in the state. Planted in 1998, our Evergreen Vineyard sits on a bluff 1,300 feet above the Columbia River. The site features geologically young soils deposited by the Missoula Floods on top of caliche and volcanic basalt beds. It is from these diverse soils some of the state's best and most distinctive white wines are created.

### Tasting Notes

Our estate bottling of Riesling is dry and refreshing with aromas of wet stone, white peach and citrus notes. The mid-palate mouthfeel is broad with hints of zesty lime, a subtle lingering minerality and a crisp, clean finish. The Estates Ancient Lakes Riesling pairs beautifully with vibrant cuisine, such as Thai, Indian or Mediterranean.

### Words from our Winemaker

"Though the 2012 vintage was off to a late start in spring, the warm days and cool nights of summer created a near perfect growing season in the Columbia Valley. Our Riesling grapes thrived, and the result was another great vintage of our Ancient Lakes Dry Riesling."

**-Joshua Maloney**

<b>Composition</b>	<b>100% Riesling</b>
<b>AVA</b>	<b>Ancient Lakes of the Columbia Valley</b>
<b>Vineyard</b>	<b>100% Evergreen</b>
<b>Harvest</b>	<b>10/24/2012</b>
<b>Alcohol</b>	<b>12.5%</b>
<b>TA</b>	<b>8.2 (g/L)</b>
<b>pH</b>	<b>3.16</b>
<b>Brix</b>	<b>22.1</b>
<b>RS%</b>	<b>.4%</b>
<b>Aging/oak</b>	<b>Stainless Steel</b>
<b>Cases</b>	<b>200</b>