



2012 Traditions 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

Vineyards

Wine grapes for our 2012 Traditions Riesling were primarily harvested from our cool climate vineyards within the Ancient Lakes of the Columbia Valley AVA. The weather in 2012 was typical of the Columbia Valley: a mild winter and a warm, dry spring. It was warm enough during the day to fully ripen grapes, yet cool enough at night to ensure bright acids and firm tannins. Director of Viticulture Jason Schlagel said, "The 2012 harvest was probably one of the best I've seen."

Tasting Notes

Our Traditions Riesling is made in a refreshing, off-dry style with aromas and flavors of sweet Elberta peach, ripe Granny Smith apple and zesty Key lime. This wine is bright with a pronounced minerality, reminiscent of wet stone, on the mid-palate and a crisp fruit-driven finish.

Tasting Notes

"Though 2012 was technically an 'average' vintage with regard to heat, temperatures routinely reached the high 90s or low 100s from mid-July through August. It also stayed warm late into the evening. Both of which are unusual for Washington. However, fall followed with near perfect growing conditions leading to a beautifully balanced vintage of Riesling with classic crisp, mineral characteristics."

-Joshua Maloney

Composition	100% Riesling
AVA	Columbia Valley
Vineyards	Evergreen Wahluke Slope
Alcohol	12.5%
TA	.75
pH	3.18
RS	1.4%
Harvest	October 2012
Aging	Stainless steel