



# milbrandt

VINEYARDS

## 2014 Merlot

### WINE NOTES

*“Our 2014 Merlot is round and rich with classic aromas and flavors of blackberry, plum, hints of mocha and espresso with a touch of savory dried herb. It has a juicy, ripe entry, a soft round fruit driven palate and a hint of vanilla crème on the finish.”*

-Butch Milbrandt, Winery Owner

### OVERVIEW

Pioneer of the Columbia Valley wine region, Butch Milbrandt saw potential in Eastern Washington. In 1997, this fourth-generation farmer took a risk in planting grapes and soon became recognized for helping establish two of the top AVAs in Washington State: Ancient Lakes and Wahluke Slope.

Never forgetting his farming roots, Butch is a true “Renaissance rancher” who loves to ride his motorcycle, fly his plane, and cook. In the military, he cooked for his company. It was then he honed a talent for pairing food and wine and seasoned his desire to own a winery.

Now a multi-generational brand with Butch taking the lead, Milbrandt Vineyards remains a symbol of perseverance and reward. Once a potato farm, the brand is now producing 40,000+ cases of wine.

A premium wine tier as well as an introductory wine tier is available nationwide, both delivering uncompromising quality. Collectively, the Milbrandts have contributed to more 90-point wines than any other fourth-generation farming family in Washington.

#### COMPOSITION:

77% MERLOT, 18% SYRAH,  
5% PETIT VERDOT

AVA: COLUMBIA VALLEY

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

RS: DRY

TA: 4.90

PH: 3.83

HARVEST: SEPT. 15 - OCT. 28, 2014

100% OAK AGED,  
20% NEW AMERICAN OAK