



milbrandt

VINEYARDS

2016 THE ESTATES

Merlot

Wine Notes

“On the nose, our 2016 estate bottling of Merlot is full of red fruit like Bing cherry, red cherry, cranberry, & pomegranate. With supple tannins and layers of flavors reminiscent of vanilla, toasted oak, and espresso this wine has a full mid-palate and long, drawn out 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 Milbrandt's have contributed to more 90-point wines than any other fourth-generation farming family in Washington.

COMPOSITION: 83% MERLOT,
11% MALBEC, 6% PETIT VERDOT

AVA: WAHLUKE SLOPE

VINEYARDS: CLIFTON HILL VINEYARD,
NORTHRIDGE VINEYARD, RAVENSLIFF
VINEYARD

ALCOHOL: 14.99%

TA (G/L): 5.8 VA: 0.70

RS: 1.68 TS: 69 FS: 27

PH: 3.78 ML: 0.07

AGING: AGED IN NEW & NEUTRAL
OAK BARRELS FOR 26 MONTHS