



milbrandt

VINEYARDS

2016 Merlot

WINE NOTES

“Our 2016 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:

98% MERLOT,
2% CABERNET SAUVIGNON

AVA: COLUMBIA VALLEY

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

RS: DRY

TA: 5.30

PH: 3.96

HARVEST: SEPT-OCT 2016

18 MONTHS
20% NEW AMERICAN OAK