



# milbrandt

VINEYARDS

## 2017 MERLOT

### Wine Notes

*“Our 2017 Merlot is filled with aromas of bing cherry, red cherry, cranberry and pomegranate. It has a juicy, ripe entry, and a soft, round fruit driven palate followed by a very long 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: 86% MERLOT,  
14% CABERNET SAUVIGNON

AVA: COLUMBIA VALLEY

VINEYARDS: SUNDANCE, ROSEBUD  
VINEYARD, NORTHRIDGE VINEYARD

ALCOHOL: 14.47%

TA (G/L): 5.5      VA: 0.58

RS: 4.20      TS: 72      FS: 27

PH: 3.44      ML: 0.10

AGING: 28% BARREL AGED, NEUTRAL  
AMERICAN OAK FOR 14 MONTHS