



*Wine Reviews from Wine News*  
**Milbrandt Vineyards**

**91 Milbrandt Vineyards, 2007 Legacy Evergreen Chardonnay, Washington State**

This pale gold wine has a beautiful balance of mineral and white fruit notes and a hint of vanilla from barrel fermentation in four types of oak. Despite the wood influence, it is impeccably balanced with a very appealing steely crispness married with a silky, creamy texture. White peach and pear flavors stretch out on a long finish. \$20

**93 Milbrandt Vineyards, 2005 Legacy Merlot, Washington State**

Deep ruby color with lovely blueberry, black fruit and vanilla aromas. The beautiful silky texture is the first impression on the palate, followed by a cascade of black fruit flavors supported by well-balanced oak and a bit of crisp minerality. Ripe without being overdone; a luscious wine with a very long finish. \$25

**91 Milbrandt Vineyards, 2005 Legacy Cabernet Sauvignon, Washington State**

Rich ruby color with black cherry, cassis and toasty oak aromas. The black cherry and cassis flavors are augmented by a bit of violet and brown sugar and vanilla from the oak, but all the components are well-balanced, giving the wine an appealing texture and a long finish. The final impression is one of elegance and immediate appeal. \$25

**92 Milbrandt Vineyards, 2005 Legacy Syrah, Washington State**

Rich garnet hue with youthful purple overtones. Hot on the nose, though the alcohol is not as readily apparent in the mouth. With air, the wine develops lovely, well-balanced aromas of black fruit and oak and in the mouth; lushly textured with black fruit flavors accented by white pepper, coffee and red fruit nuances. A fine example of a distinctive wine that is still very true to its varietal character. \$25

The above wines were reviewed by senior editor Lyn Farmer on January 21, 2009.