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Milbrandt Vineyards

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92 points, 2007 The Estates Late Harvest Riesling, Columbia Valley

A taut, tense fight between the acids and sugars highlight this excellent dessert wine.

A strong streak of spicy grain runs straight through the compact citrus and honey fruit flavors. The sweetness is neither cloying nor syrupy--rather, it neatly laces the wine together.

Cellar Selection.

90 points, 2006 The Estates Cabernet Sauvignon, Wahluke Slope

An interesting blend, which includes 14% Petit Verdot and 7% Malbec. High acids and polished tannins set up a muscular spicy wine with a beautiful mix of cassis, sweet plum and green olive flavors.

89 points, 2007 The Estates Malbec, Wahluke Slope

A well-modulated mix of black cherry, plum, strawberry and spice cake, this also hints at pepper and rosemary. The chocolatey signature of Milbrandt reds is noticeable, but a bit less obvious than with some of the other 2007 reds.

88 points, 2007 Traditions Merlot, Columbia Valley

This is smooth and silky and loaded with milk chocolate flavors. Strawberry and raspberry fruit swims in a mocha lake. Delicious, but soft and a bit loose.

88 points, 2008 Traditions Riesling, Columbia Valley

A benchmark style for Washington Riesling, this mixes stone and citrus fruits, adds highlights of wintergreen spice, hints of honeysuckle, lemon and tea, and finishes with some fruit sweetness, though the wine is essentially dry.

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