

TRADITIONS
2008 Rosé



Overview

In 1997, we planted our first vines in the Eastern Washington AVAs of Columbia Valley and Wahluke Slope. At first glance, Eastern Washington is not your typical wine country. It's a remote, windswept, high desert dotted with sagebrush and tumbleweeds. But our family had been farming here since the mid-1950s and we believed the region's moderate temperatures, low rainfall and sandy soils were ideal for grapes. To help with the planting and farming, we hired well-respected viticulturist, James McFerran. Eight years later, after selling our fruit to many of Washington's preeminent wineries, we hired veteran winemaker Gordon Hill to produce wines from the best blocks. Today, we farm 13 distinct estate vineyard sites totaling nearly 1600 acres.

Vineyard

Our 2008 Rose comes from our estate Clifton Vineyard on Eastern Washington's Wahluke Slope. Established in 2006, the Wahluke Slope is a sub-region within the Columbia Valley appellation. Located midway between Seattle and Spokane it is bordered by the Columbia River to the southwest and Hanford Reach National Monument to the east. The climate here is warm enough during the day to fully ripen grapes, yet cool enough at night to ensure bright acids and firm tannins.

Wine

The intensity of fruit and richness of flavor make Syrah an ideal grape for rose. Our 2008 is lightly colored with an authoritative bouquet redolent of cranberries, raspberries and blackberries. The palate is fruity, round and extremely refreshing thanks to the fine balancing acidity. Wonderful as an aperitif, our Rose also pairs perfectly with salmon, chicken, turkey or pork.

Composition	Syrah (100%)
Vineyard	Clifton
Alcohol	13.4%
TA	0.69
pH	3.53
Cases	2,910

“Individually, we’re just Butch and Jerry. But when we’re working together, we’re like one really talented person. This wine represents the best of both of us.”

Butch and Jerry Milbrandt