



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.