



2007 Estates Cabernet Sauvignon

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

Established in 2006, the Wahluke Slope AVA 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. Our 2007 Estates Cabernet features fruit from three of our estate vineyards in the Wahluke Slope AVA: the 92-acre Northridge Vineyard, the 29-acre Clifton Hill Vineyard, and the 72-acre Katherine Leone Vineyard.

Wine

In addition to sourcing grapes from three separate estate vineyards we also blend in small amounts of Petit Verdot and Merlot for greater complexity. Look for ripe, fruit-driven flavors loaded with cherries, cassis, boysenberry, sweet chocolate, vanilla and coffee. The palate is rich, concentrated, silky and long. This is a dense wine that pairs well with beef, lamb, BBQ, blue cheese or chocolate.

Winemaker Gordon Hill's Tasting Notes

Over the past two decades Eastern Washington has produced some of the country's most acclaimed Cabernet Sauvignons. The wines are prized for their incredible depth and lushness. Our Estates bottling delivers cassis, black cherries, oak and soft tannins.

Wine Statistics

Composition	84% Cabernet Sauvignon 10% Petit Verdot 6% Merlot
Vineyards	54% Northridge 40% Clifton Hill 6% Katherine Leone
Alcohol	14.4%
TA	0.52
pH	3.70
Brix	26
Harvest Date	10/11/2007
Yeast	Premier Cuvee
Oak	14 months in French, Eastern European and American oak barrels
Cases	1,623

"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