

TRADITIONS
2006 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

The majority of the grapes for our 2006 Traditions Cabernet came from our Sundance and Don Talcott Estate vineyards in the Wahluke Slope AVA. 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.

Wine

Eastern Washington is widely recognized as one of the country's best regions for Cabernet Sauvignon. The warm temperatures, dry conditions and porous soils create wines that are routinely dark, lush and complex.

Our 2006 Traditions Cabernet is both serious and approachable. The aromatics are ripe, forward and packed with currants, olives, cassis and oak. The flavors are bright, fruit-laden and concentrated. The finish is smooth and silky.

Composition	Cabernet Sauvignon (75.4%), Merlot (12.3%), Petit Verdot (12.3%)
Vineyards	Sundance, Don Talcott
Alcohol	13.9%
TA	0.53
pH	3.83
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