

TRADITIONS
2007 Sauvignon Blanc



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

Washington State is one of those rare places on earth capable of producing great wines from both warm- and cool-climate varieties. Our mild climate, large diurnal temperature swings and extended sunlight hours during the summer months allow grapes to ripen slowly and evenly. We also have a mix of ancient and young soils that bring character and personality to all of our wines. Our Traditions Sauvignon Blanc features fruit from our south-facing, estate Northridge Vineyard located in the Wahluke Slope AVA.

Wine

Sauvignon Blanc has finally emerged from the shadow of Chardonnay. In the old days, many wineries tried to disguise the heady varietal character of the grape with oak and lees. Today, most producers are looking to accentuate the unmistakable signature of the grape.

Our Sauvignon Blanc leans more towards fresh fruit rather than the herbal flavors found in some renditions. The nose delivers melons, apples, mangos, oranges and kiwis. The palate is clean, bright, fresh, lively and crisp. There are few beverages more refreshing than a cold glass of young Sauvignon Blanc.

Composition	100% Sauvignon Blanc
Vineyards	Northridge
Alcohol	13.9%
TA	0.56
pH	3.19
Cases	224

"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