

## 2017 The Estates Merlot Wahluke Slope



## TASTING NOTES

Bing cherry, cranberry, pomegranate and cassis aromas are layered with hints of vanilla, baking spice and espresso. Elegant and supple on the palate, the juicy red fruit flavors are punctuated by the round, soft, medium-body mouthfeel. The tannins remain chewy through the finish.

## TECHNICAL DATA

Blend: 80% Merlot, 11% Syrah, 5% Petit Verdot, 4% Cabernet Sauvignon AVA: Wahluke Slope

Vineyard(s): Ravenscliff, Clifton Hill, Clifton, Northridge, and Sundance

Alcohol: 14.5%

TA(g/L): 5.7 VA(g/L): 0.88 pH: 3.78 Harvest: 09/11/2017 - 10/24/2017

Aging: Aged 26 months in 40% new American oak barrels

## ABOUT MILBRANDT VINEYARDS

Planting our first vines in 1997, Milbrandt Vineyards now boasts an operation of nearly 4,000 acres across 23 distinct vineyard sites within the Wahluke Slope and Ancient Lakes AVA's of the Columbia Valley, totaling more than 60,000 cases produced annually. Now a multi-generational brand, Milbrandt Vineyards continues to deliver uncompromising quality with numerous award-winning wines.

Most recently, the 2017 Family Merlot made Wine Enthusiasts Top 100 of 2019, garnering a 91 point rating and Editor's Choice in spot number 77. The 2015 Milbrandt Cabernet Sauvignon was awarded number 43 on Wine Spectator's Top 100 Wines of 2018, garnering a 91 point rating.