



## 2008 M.C.K. Syrah — Wahluke Slope 100% Syrah, Talcott Vineyard

**Tasting Notes:** 100% Talcott Vineyard. 24 months barrel aged. MCK is the chameleon of 'K.' Beautifully compelling floral notes intertwined with game and earth. This Motor City Kitty rocks! —*Charles Smith*

**Score 91 Wine Spectator**, October 2011

*"Firm in texture, this is lighter in weight than many versions, with dark berry and smoke flavors prominent, finishing with a tarry note. Needs time to flesh out. Best from 2013 through 2018."*

**Score 95 (2006 vintage) Robert Parker, The Wine Advocate**, October 2009

*"M.C.K. is Charles' 'gift to my loyal customers.'" The price to quality ratio of this wine is off the charts. Purple/black in color, it was aged for 26 months before bottling by hand. It delivers a soaring bouquet of Asian spices, smoked meat, roasted herbs, saucisson, blueberry, and blackberry liqueur. Full-bodied, voluptuous, and succulent, this sexy effort can be enjoyed over the next 8-10 years. His 2006 collection is as good or better than anything he has done to date, although a tasting of 2007 barrel samples indicate that the best is yet to come."*

**Vineyards:** Planted in 1998, the 60-acre Don Talcott Vineyard rests in the middle of the Wahluke Slope. Its soils are composed of medium grain sand and its climate features warm dry days tempered by cool nights. The extended ripening period leads to a long growing season. In addition to its propensity for producing fruit-driven red wines, Talcott is the most photogenic site of all of Butch and Jerry Milbrandt's vineyards.

### Technical Information:

Yield: 1.3 tons per acre

Sorting: 1 time

Yeasts: Native

Treatment: Punch down

Malolactic Fermentation: yes

Ageing: French Burgundy Barrels

Fining: none

Total Production: 222 cases

Release date: December 1, 2011

Alcohol: 15.5%