



BRIAN CARTER CELLARS

2017 TRENTENAIRE

(French for 'of thirty years')

Petit Verdot based Bordeaux-Style Blend

Columbia Valley AVA

While Petit Verdot has always been a classic Bordeaux grape, it is either used in very moderate amounts or entirely absent in most Bordeaux blends. Now half a world away, Washington has proved to be a great home for Petit Verdot. With its floral aromatic qualities combined with its inky hue and powerful structure, this limited production Petit Verdot-based blend is truly special. Now in its eleventh release, it continues my celebration of what is now over four decades as a Washington Winemaker; I think the unique character of Trentenaire captures the spirit of my winemaking career: *Make a difference, do it well, do it better.*

The wine is intensely dark in color with aromas of lilacs, pie cherries, black raspberries, musk and cedar arising generously from the glass. As the wine enters the mouth full flavors, tannins and acidity are evident while the finish is rich and long. Aerating the wine by decanting helps bring out the layers of fruit and spice on the nose and palate. Serve along side rare steak with roasted onions and tomatoes.

Wine Data

Grape Varieties & Vineyard Sources

Petit Verdot	52%
Stone Tree Vineyard, Wahluke Slope (31%)	
Lonesome Springs Vineyard, Yakima Valley (21%)	
Cabernet Franc	21%
Dineen Vineyard, Yakima Valley	
Merlot	13%
Solstice Vineyard, Yakima Valley	
Malbec	10%
Stone Tree Vineyard, Wahluke Slope	
Cabernet Sauvignon	4%
Stone Tree Vineyard, Wahluke Slope	

Oak Aging

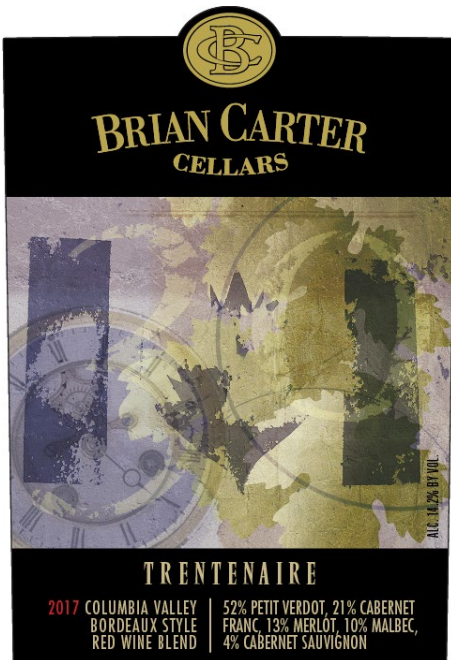
22 months in 100% French oak, 40% new & 60% used (1-4 years)

Analysis at Harvest

Harvest Dates	9-18 to 10-25, 2017
Average Brix	25.4
Average TA	0.56%
Average pH	3.39

Analysis at Bottling

Bottling Date	July 18, 2019
Residual Sugar	<0.1%
TA (%)	0.62%
pH	3.72
Alcohol	14.2%



Gold medal, 90 points, SavorNW 2022

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Case Production 231cases

Brian D. Carter
Winemaker

“A Passion for the Art of Blending”