



BRIAN CARTER CELLARS

2018

LE COURSIER

(French for 'Steed or Charger')

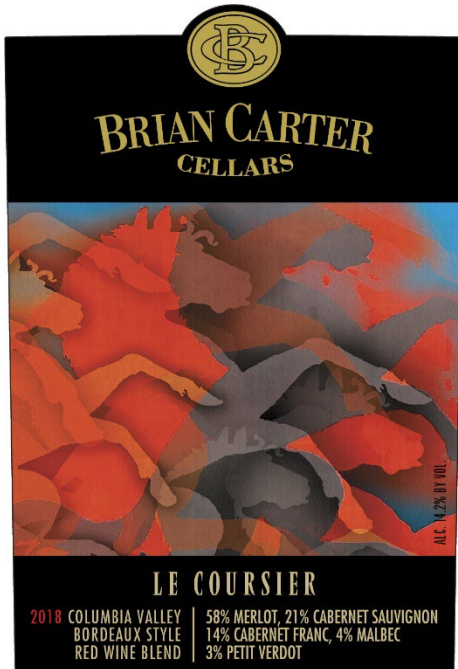
Merlot-based Bordeaux Style Blend

Columbia Valley AVA

Many would consider that Washington State produces some of the best Merlot in the world. Even better, are the 'right bank' style blends with Merlot as the major varietal. This wine has five varieties and uses five different Washington State Vineyards! In addition to Merlot, the 2018 also benefits from Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Malbec, and Petit Verdot. It is my hope that you will see my passion for blending in every sip.

The wine has a beautiful garnet hue with a generous nose of wild blackberries, ripe Bing cherries and Damson plums with touches of oak and licorice spice. On the palate you taste a mouth full of complex ripe flavors with silky tannins, age-worthy balance and a lengthy finish. Enjoy with your favorite steak, marinated in red wine, garlic and soy sauce then grilled to perfection.

WINE DATA



Grape Varieties & Vineyard Sources

Merlot	58%
Solstice Vineyard, Yakima Valley (32%)	
Stone Tree Vineyard, Wahluke Slope (17%)	
Olsen Vineyard, Yakima Valley (9%)	
Cabernet Sauvignon	21%
Elephant Mountain Vineyard, Yakima Valley (11%)	
Stone Tree Vineyard, Wahluke Slope (5%)	
E&E Shaw Vineyard, Red Mountain (5%)	
Cabernet Franc	14%
Dineen Vineyard, Yakima Valley (11%)	
Solstice Vineyard, Yakima Valley (3%)	
Malbec	4%
Stone Tree Vineyards, Wahluke Slope	
Petit Verdot	3%
Lonesome Springs Vineyard, Yakima Valley	

Oak Aging

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

Analysis at Harvest Analysis at Bottling

Harvest Dates	Sept. 14 - Oct. 19, 2018	Bottling Date	July 15, 2020
Average Brix	25.5	Residual Sugar	< 0.1%
Average TA	0.46%	TA (%)	0.60%
Average pH	3.50	pH	3.75
		Alcohol	14.2%

Release Date Summer 2022

Case Production 443 cases

Winner, 2022 Jefferson Cup Invitational
Double Platinum, 97 Points, Great NW Wine
Gold, 94 Points, Washington Wine Awards
Jeb Dunnuck, 91 Points

Brian D. Carter, Winemaker

"A Passion for the Art of Blending"