



# BRIAN CARTER CELLARS

## 2018 Solesce (Latin for 'sun and essence') **Bordeaux-Style Red Blend** Columbia Valley AVA

Solesce is our signature Bordeaux style blend. Cabernet Sauvignon from Klipsun vineyard on Red Mountain and Stone Tree Vineyard on the Wahluke slope make up the heart of this wine. The warm 2018 vintage gave us plenty of good ripeness, bringing balance, volume, structure and length to the Cabernet. Additional lots were carefully chosen for this blend including Merlot, Petit Verdot and Malbec from the Stone Tree and Cabernet Franc from Dineen Vineyards. Solesce is unique among Washington State red wines as it spends 30 months in the barrel, giving the wine extra time to soften and develop aromatic complexity. Richly dark in color, the wine has a generous complex aroma which includes ripe cherries, blackberries, blueberries and vanilla bean. On the palate, mouth filling flavors of cassis and black fruits are followed by firm, ripe and silky tannins with a long finish and balanced acidity.



Each year this Bordeaux-Style Blend is carefully blended to maximize the best attributes of the vintage. In 2018 I used the following sources and varieties:

<b>Cabernet Sauvignon</b>	<b>54%</b>
<i>Klipsun Vineyard, Red Mountain (27%)</i>	
<i>Stone Tree Vineyard, Wahluke Slope (27%)</i>	
<b>Merlot</b>	<b>25%</b>
<i>Stone Tree Vineyard, Wahluke Slope</i>	
<b>Petit Verdot</b>	<b>10%</b>
<i>Stone Tree Vineyard, Wahluke Slope</i>	
<b>Cabernet Franc</b>	<b>7%</b>
<i>Dineen Vineyards, Yakima Valley</i>	
<b>Malbec</b>	<b>4%</b>
<i>Stone Tree Vineyards, Wahluke Slope</i>	

### Oak Aging

30 months in French oak, 50% new & 50% used (1-3 years)

### Analysis at Harvest

Harvest Dates:	9/6 thru 10/6/2018
Average Brix	26.7
Average TA	0.47%
Average pH	3.65

### Analysis at Bottling

Bottling Date:	4-5-21
Residual Sugar	>0.1%
TA (%)	0.61%
pH	3.69
Alcohol	14.7%

**Production** 367 cases

**94 Points**, Jeb Dunnuck  
**92 Points**, Wine Enthusiast  
**Gold, 91 Points**, Sunset Int'l Wine Competition  
**Gold, 91 Points**, Pacific NW Wine Awards  
**Gold medal**, 91 points, Savor NW  
**Double Gold medal**, Great NW Wine

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