



BRIAN CARTER CELLARS

2018 TRENTENAIRE

(French for 'of thirty years')

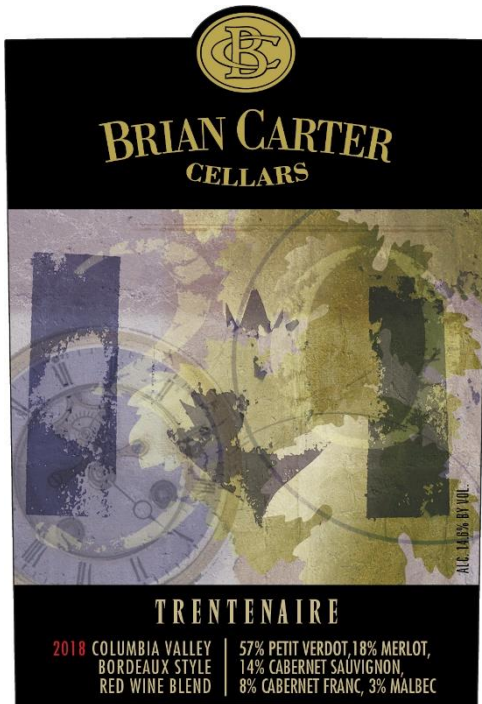
Petit Verdot based Bordeaux-Style Blend

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 thirteenth 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, ripe 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 or lamb with roasted onions and tomatoes.

Wine Data



Grape Varieties & Vineyard Sources

Petit Verdot	57%
Stone Tree Vineyard, Wahluke Slope (50%)	
Lonesome Springs Vineyard, Yakima Valley (7%)	
Merlot	18%
Olsen Vineyards, Yakima Valley	
Cabernet Sauvignon	14%
Solstice Vineyard, Yakima Valley	
Cabernet Franc	8%
Dineen Vineyard, Yakima Valley	
Malbec	3%
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	9-14 to 10-5, 2018
Average Brix	26.7
Average TA	0.56%
Average pH	3.54

Analysis at Bottling

Bottling Date	July 15, 2020
Residual Sugar	<0.1%
TA (%)	0.59%
pH	3.60
Alcohol	14.6%

93 Points, Platinum award, Great NW Wine
93 Points, Double Gold, Pacific NW Wine
Competition

92 Points, Gold medal, Sunset Magazine Int'l
Wine Competition

91 Points, Wine Enthusiast

Release Date Fall 2023

Case Production 313cases

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“A Passion for the Art of Blending”