



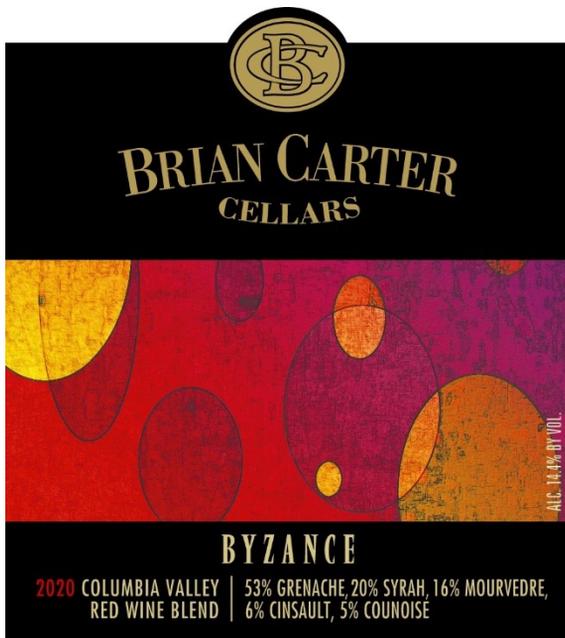
## 2020 BYZANCE

### Southern Rhone-Style Red Blend

Columbia Valley AVA

European Style blended wines are my passion. No wine, no region inspired me more than *Chateaufeuf du Pape* and the terroir of Washington State is expressing itself with an identity truly reminiscent of the Southern Rhone. Washington Grenache has become one of my personal favorite grapes. The incredibly important addition of Mourvedre with its spice and structure, and the high notes of Counoise and Cinsault have added complexity and depth.

The 2020 vintage had everything for Grenache and other Rhone varieties to express full ripeness and balance. The wine has a complex nose of ripe cherries, blackberries, tar, black pepper and the garigue spice that you get walking the fields of the Rhone Valley. There is real richness in your mouth as it finishes with pretty berry notes. Balance and a hint of tannin make this wine a great match for a wide range of foods including braised meats and fowl. My favorite would be a medium rare duck breast with cherry sauce.



**95 Points**, Double Gold, SavorNW  
**93 Points**, Washington Wine Awards  
**90 Points**, Jeb Dunnuck  
**90 Points**, Platinum award, Great NW Wine

#### Grape Varieties & Vineyard Sources

<b>Grenache</b>	<b>53%</b>
Lonesome Springs Vineyard, Yakima Valley (48%) Upland Vineyards, Yakima Valley (5%)	
<b>Syrah</b>	<b>20%</b>
Olsen Vineyards, Yakima Valley(10%) Stone Tree Vineyard, Wahluke Slope (10%)	
<b>Mourvedre</b>	<b>16%</b>
Stone Tree Vineyard, Wahluke Slope	
<b>Cinsault</b>	<b>6%</b>
Stone Tree Vineyard, Wahluke Slope	
<b>Counoise</b>	<b>5%</b>
Lonesome Springs Vineyard, Yakima Valley	

#### **Oak Aging**

20 months in large French oak ( 500L), 20% new & 80% neutral

#### **Analysis at Harvest Analysis at Bottling**

Harvest Dates: Sept. 4 to Oct. 17, 2020	Bottling Date: July 12, 2022
Average Brix 25.7	Residual Sugar <0.1%
Average TA 0.53%	TA 0.60%
Average pH 3.45	pH 3.56
	Alcohol 14.4%

**Production: 474 cases**

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Winemaker

*“A Passion for the Art of Blending”*

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