



BRIAN CARTER CELLARS

2019

LE COURSIER

(French for 'Steed or Charger')

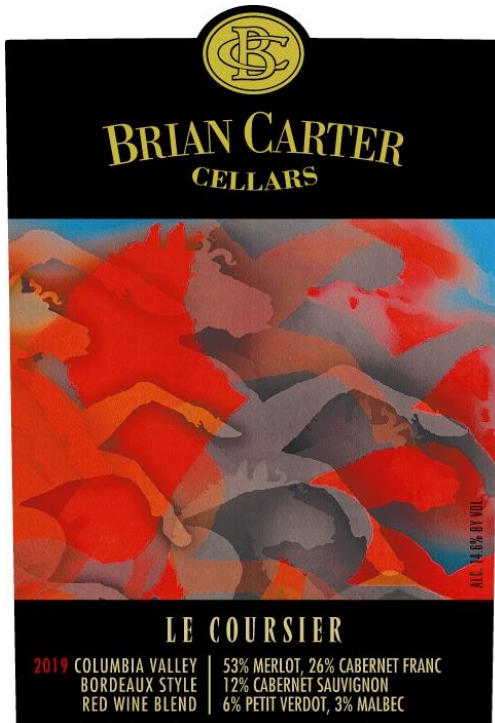
Merlot-based Bordeaux Style Blend

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 variety. 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	53%
Solstice Vineyard, Yakima Valley (35%)	
Dineen Vineyard, Yakima Valley (9%)	
Olsen Vineyard, Yakima Valley (9%)	
Cabernet Franc	26%
Dineen Vineyard, Yakima Valley (13%)	
Solstice Vineyard, Yakima Valley (13%)	
Cabernet Sauvignon	12%
Destiny Ridge Vineyard, Horse Heaven Hills (9%)	
Klipsun Vineyard, Red Mountain (3%)	
Petit Verdot	6%
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 Analysis at Bottling

Harvest Dates	Sept. 27 -Oct. 21, 2019	Bottling Date	Aug. 17, 2021
Average Brix	25.3	Residual Sugar	< 0.1%
Average TA	0.52%	TA (%)	0.61%
Average pH	3.35	pH	3.58
		Alcohol	14.6%

Release Date Fall 2023

Case Production 246 cases

91 Points, Wine Enthusiast

Brian D. Carter, Winemaker

“A Passion for the Art of Blending”