



BRIAN CARTER CELLARS

2015 Takahashi Second Edition Recognition Collection Blend Columbia Valley AVA

I am very proud to introduce the **second** of our **Recognition Collection**. Our passion is making great blended wines inspired by the classical blends of Europe. Never wanting to stand still, I am offering up a new series of blended wines outside of the box (*but still inside the bottle*). Each wine is unique in its blend and to whom it is dedicated. For our second Recognition wine, we bring you **Takahashi**. A Malbec based Bordeaux blend dedicated to Robert Takahashi our assistant winemaker, who has contributed greatly to Brian Carter Cellars as well as the wines of Washington.

This wine was blended by Robert who has a particular fondness for the Malbec variety. Impenetrably dark in color, the wine has classic and generous varietal Malbec aromas of blueberries and damson plums. On the palate, the wine's fruit expands across with supple tannins and classic Washington State balanced acidity. Enjoy with a rib-eye steak smothered in sautéed mushrooms with fresh corn and a Caesar salad.

WINE DATA

Grape Varieties & Vineyard Sources

Malbec **58%**
Stone Tree Vineyard, Wahluke Slope (33%)
Olsen Vineyard, Yakima Valley (25%)

Merlot **34%**
Stone Tree Vineyard, Wahluke Slope (17%)
Olsen Vineyard, Yakima Valley (17%)

Cabernet Franc **8%**
Dineen Vineyard, Yakima Valley

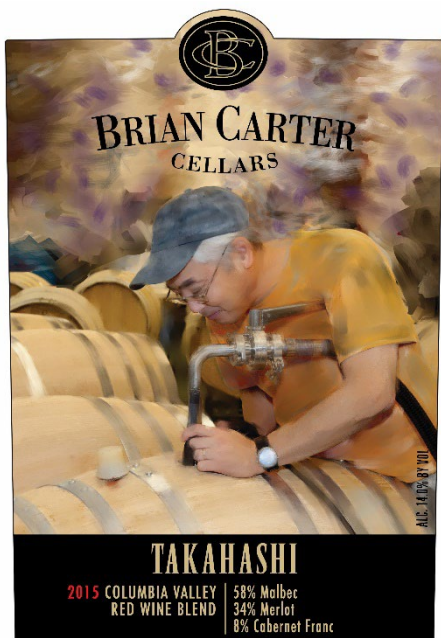
Oak Aging
Aged in French oak, 35% new & 65% used (1-5 years)

Analysis at Harvest
Harvest Dates 8/24 to 9/25 2015
Average Brix 25.0
Average TA 0.52%
Average pH 3.70

Analysis at Bottling
Residual Sugar <0.1%
TA (%) 0.59%
pH 3.68
Alcohol 14.0%

Case Production 290 cases

Brian D. Carter, Winemaker



“A Passion for the Art of Blending”

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