



## 2017 Big Daddy

### Fourth Edition Recognition Collection Blend Columbia Valley AVA

I am very proud to introduce the **Fourth** of our **Recognition Collection** of wines. My passion is making great blended wines and I offer a wide selection of them, largely inspired by the classical blends of Europe. Never wanting to stand still, I am offering up a series of blended wines outside of the box (*but still inside the bottle*). Each wine will be unique in its blend and unique to whom it is dedicated.

For our fourth Recognition wine we bring you **Big Daddy**, a Portuguese variety Douro River-style blend from Washington. This is a tribute to both my winemaking success over 40 vintages in Washington and the corresponding success that Washington State has had growing from an almost unheard-of area to an internationally recognized wine growing region.

Stephen Black, our long-standing label designer, came up with this fun label graphic out of jest but everyone who saw it got a good chuckle, so we jumped in! On the nose, the wine has a generous floral bouquet with notes of ripe fruit, the wine hits the palate with plenty of complex dark fruit and a typical European balanced finish. Pair it with marinated, grilled meats from chicken to pork and beef - add some spice!

#### Grape Varieties & Vineyard Sources

<b>Touriga Nacional</b> Upland Vineyard, Yakima Valley	<b>56%</b>
<b>Souzao</b> Upland Vineyard, Yakima Valley	<b>20%</b>
<b>Tinto Cão</b> Upland Vineyard, Yakima Valley	<b>16%</b>
<b>Tinta Roriz (Tempranillo)</b> Upland Vineyard, Yakima Valley	<b>8%</b>

**Oak Aging**  
Aged in French oak, 25% new & 75% used

#### **Analysis at Harvest**

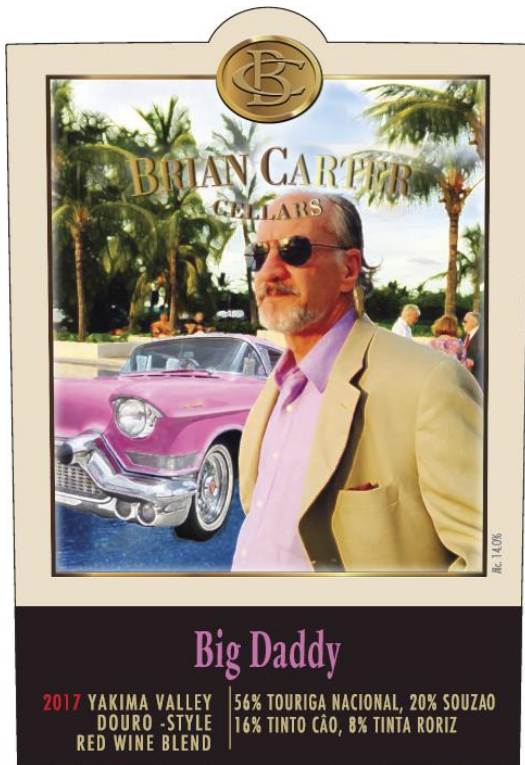
Harvest Dates	9/21 to 10/21 2017
Average Brix	25.0
Average TA (%)	0.51%
Average pH	3.67

#### **Analysis at Bottling**

Residual Sugar	>0.1%
TA	0.53%
pH	3.75
Alcohol	14.5%

**Production** 293 cases

**Brian D. Carter**  
Winemaker



*“A Passion for the Art of Blending”*

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