



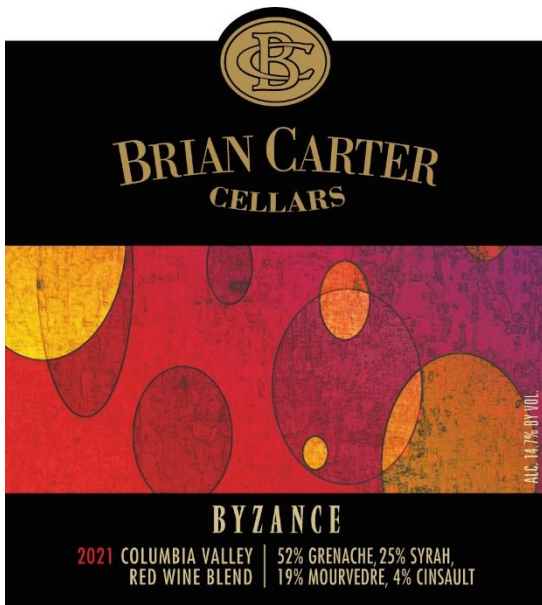
2021 BYZANCE

Southern Rhone-Style Red Blend

Columbia Valley AVA

European Style blended wines are my passion. No wine, no region inspired me more than *Chateaufneuf 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 Cinsault have added complexity and depth.

The 2021 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, orange peel, 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 confit of duck breast with cherry sauce.



Grape Varieties & Vineyard Sources

Grenache	52%
Lonesome Springs Vineyard, Yakima Valley (31%)	
Upland Vineyards, Yakima Valley (21%)	
Syrah	25%
Stone Tree Vineyard, Wahluke Slope (15%)	
Red Haven Vineyard, Red Mountain (10%)	
Mourvedre	19%
Stone Tree Vineyard, Wahluke Slope	
Cinsault	4%
Stone Tree Vineyard, Wahluke Slope	

Oak Aging

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

Analysis at Harvest Analysis at Bottling

Harvest Dates: Sept. 1 to Oct. 5, 2021	Bottling Date: July 10, 2023
Average Brix 26.9	Residual Sugar <0.1%
Average TA 0.51%	TA 0.59%
Average pH 3.54	pH 3.72
	Alcohol 14.7%

Production: 521 cases

96 points, Double Gold, SavorNW
 94 points, James Suckling
 93 points, Gold, Washington Wine Awards
 Gold medal, Pacific NW Wine Competition

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