



BRIAN CARTER CELLARS

2021

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 2021 also benefits from Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, 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	61%
Solstice Vineyard, Yakima Valley (24%)	
Olsen Vineyard, Yakima Valley (14%)	
Stanton Vineyard, Red Mountain (14%)	
Marcella Vineyard, Yakima Valley (9%)	
Cabernet Franc	14%
Solstice Vineyard, Yakima Valley	
Cabernet Sauvignon	10%
Stone Tree Vineyard, Wahluke Slope	
Klipsun Vineyard, Red Mountain (3%)	
Malbec	8%
Stone Tree Vineyard, Wahluke Slope	
Petit Verdot	7%
Stone Tree Vineyard, Wahluke Slope	

Oak Aging

22 months in 100% French oak, 40% new & 60% used (1-4 years)

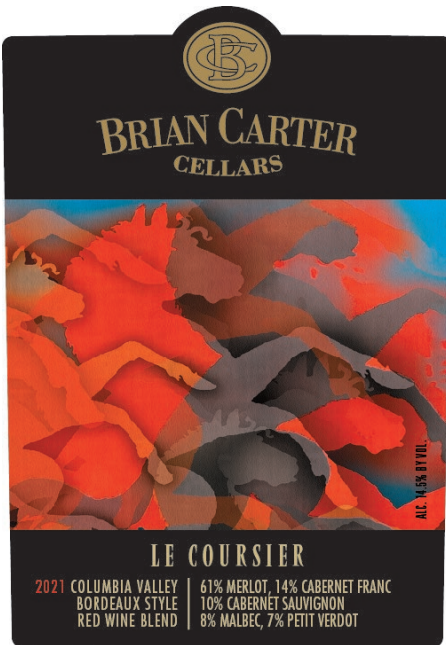
Analysis at Harvest Analysis at Bottling

Harvest Dates	Sept. 1 -Oct. 20, 2021	Bottling Date	Aug. 1, 2023
Average Brix	25.6	Residual Sugar	< 0.1%
Average TA	0.57%	TA (%)	0.66%
Average pH	3.46	pH	3.64
		Alcohol	14.5%

Release Date Spring 2024

Case Production 365 cases

Brian D. Carter, Winemaker



Double Gold medal, Pacific NW
Wine Competition
Gold medal, 92 points, WA State
Wine Awards
91 points, Wine Enthusiast

“A Passion for the Art of Blending”