



BRIAN CARTER CELLARS

2022

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 2022 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 with touches of oak and herbs including Thyme and Oregano. On the palate you taste a mouth full of complex ripe flavors with silky tannins, age-worthy balance and a lengthy finish. Enjoy with a wide variety of meats including beef, pork and chicken, marinated and cooked to perfection.

WINE DATA

Grape Varieties & Vineyard Sources

Merlot	55%
James Vineyard, Wahluke Slope ((24%)	
Solstice Vineyard, Yakima Valley (16%)	
Marcella Vineyard, Yakima Valley (11%)	
Olsen Vineyard, Yakima Valley (4%)	
Cabernet Sauvignon	18%
Stone Tree Vineyard, Wahluke Slope	
Cabernet Franc	14%
Dineen Vineyard, Yakima Valley (11%)	
Solstice Vineyard, Yakima Valley (3%)	
Malbec	10%
James Vineyard, Wahluke Slope	
Petit Verdot	3%
Stone Tree Vineyard, Wahluke Slope	

Oak Aging

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

Analysis at Harvest

Harvest Dates	Sept. 24, -Oct. 29, 2022
Average Brix	26.0
Average TA	0.53%
Average pH	3.46

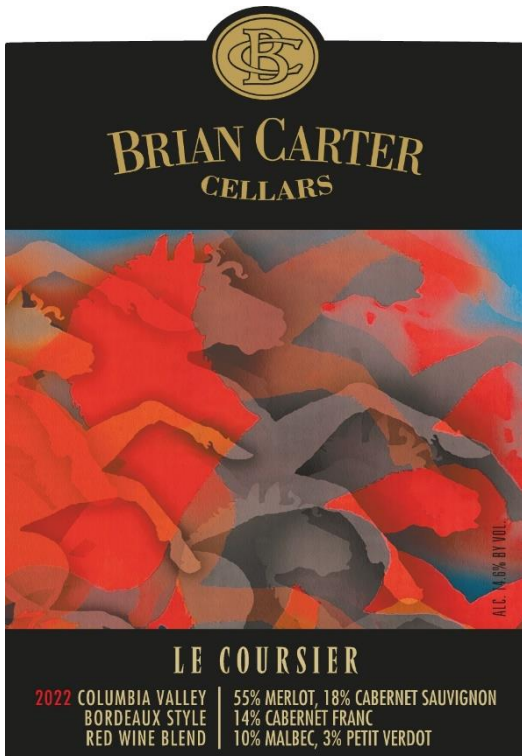
Analysis at Bottling

Bottling Date	Aug. 6, 2024
Residual Sugar	< 0.1%
TA (%)	0.64%
pH	3.50
Alcohol	14.7%

Release Date February 2025

Case Production 651cases

Brian D. Carter, Winemaker



“A Passion for the Art of Blending”