



BRIAN CARTER CELLARS

2022 TRENTENAIRE

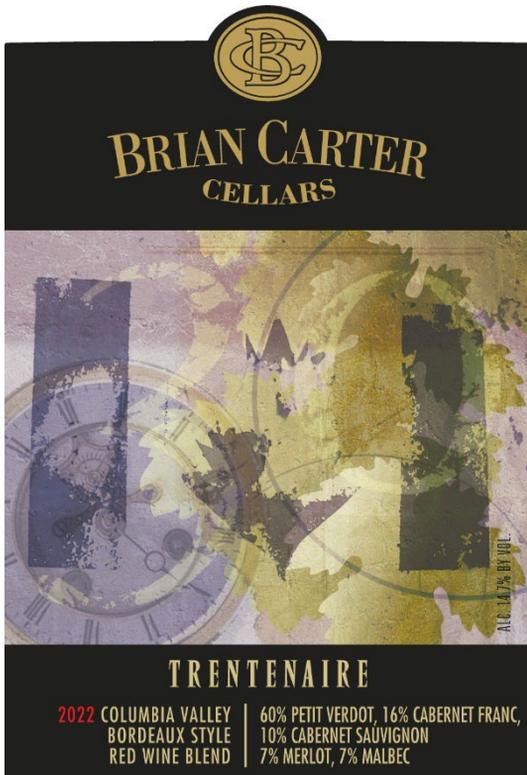
(French for 'of thirty years')

Petit Verdot based Bordeaux-Style Blend

Columbia Valley AVA

While Petit Verdot has always been a classic Bordeaux grape, it is either used in very moderate amounts or entirely absent in most Bordeaux blends. Now half a world away, Washington has proved to be a great home for Petit Verdot. With its floral aromatic qualities combined with its inky hue and powerful structure, this limited production Petit Verdot based blend is truly special. Now in its fourteenth release, it continues my celebration of what is now over four decades as a Washington Winemaker; I think the unique character of Trentenaire captures the spirit of my winemaking career: *Make a difference, do it well, do it better.*

The wine is intensely dark in color with aromas of lilacs, pie cherries, black raspberries, musk and cedar arising generously from the glass. As the wine enters the mouth full flavors, ripe tannins and firm acidity are evident, while the finish is rich and long. Aerating the wine by decanting helps bring out the layers of fruit and spice on the nose and palate. Serve along side rare steak or lamb with roasted onions and tomatoes.



Wine Data

Grape Varieties & Vineyard Sources

Petit Verdot 60%
Stone Tree Vineyard, Wahluke Slope

Cabernet Franc 16%
Dineen Vineyards, Yakima Valley

Cabernet Sauvignon 10%
Solstice Vineyard, Yakima Valley

Merlot 7%
James Vineyard, Wahluke Slope

Malbec 7%
James Vineyard, Wahluke Slope

Oak Aging

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

Analysis at Harvest

Harvest Dates 9-8 to 10-29, 2022
Average Brix 25.5
Average TA 0.66%
Average pH 3.36

Analysis at Bottling

Bottling Date August 7, 2024
Residual Sugar <0.1%
TA (%) 0.62%
pH 3.58
Alcohol 14.7%

Release Date Summer 2025

Case Production 246 cases

Brian D. Carter
Winemaker

“A Passion for the Art of Blending”