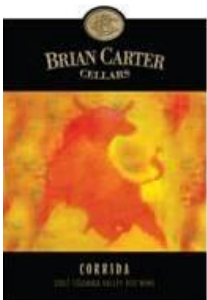


**90**

**2005 Brian Carter Cellars Solesce / Red Wine / Yakima Valley**

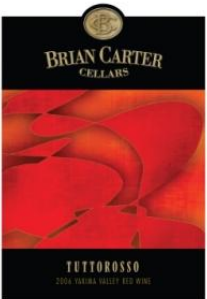
(a Bordeaux blend based on 50% cabernet sauvignon and 34% merlot)  
Medium red-ruby. Currant, black cherry, plum, licorice and graphite on the nose, complicated by chocolate and mint. Suave and fine-grained on entry, then smooth and subtly sweet in the middle palate. There's very good texture and depth to the flavors of dark fruits, menthol and dark chocolate... Finishes with firm, dusty tannins and good length.



**89**

**2007 Brian Carter Cellars Corrida / Red Wine / Columbia Valley**

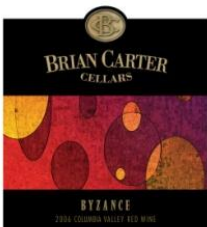
(70% tempranillo, 14% merlot, 9% grenache and 7% cabernet sauvignon)  
Good dark red. Aromas of plum, currant and chocolatey oak. Sweeter than the Tutturosso but still restrained, offering supple dark fruit and chocolate flavors. Boasts good intensity and shape and finishes with broad, rather fine-grained tannins.



**88**

**2006 Brian Carter Cellars Tutturosso / Red Wine / Yakima Valley**

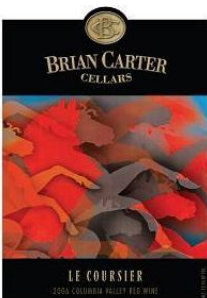
(69% sangiovese, 19% cabernet sauvignon and 12% syrah) Good dark red. Sour cherry, dark plum, graphite and spicy oak on the nose. Supple and moderate sweet, with decent complexity and rather soft texture to the...dark fruit and licorice flavors. Finishes with a light dusting of tannins and some spiky acidity that call for a bit of bottle aging.



**88**

**2006 Brian Carter Cellars Byzance / Red Wine / Columbia Valley**

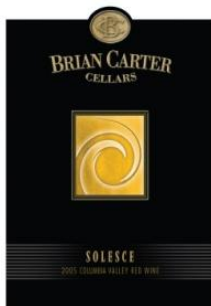
(61% grenache, 21% syrah and 18% mourvedre) Dark red...raspberry, herbs and spices on the nose, lifted by a whiff of pepper... The peppery quality carries through in the mouth... Just a hint of finishing acidity yet to be absorbed.



**87**

**2006 Brian Carter Cellars Le Coursier / Red Wine / Columbia Valley**

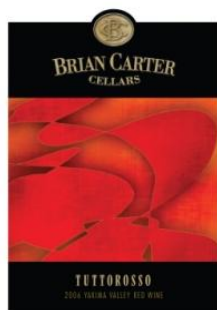
(a Bordeaux blend) Medium red-ruby. Smoky, warm aromas of plum, chocolate, graphite and mocha...



**90**

**2005 Brian Carter Cellars Solesce / Red Wine / Yakima Valley**

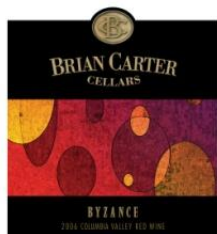
The flagship 2005 Solesce is a blend of 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 34% Merlot, with the balance Petit Verdot, Cabernet Franc, and Malbec. Dark ruby-colored, it reveals an excellent bouquet of wood smoke, pencil lead, spice box, black currant, and blackberry. Full-bodied and structured on the palate, it has layers of savory black fruits, potential complexity, and enough structure to evolve for 3-4 years. It will offer a drinking window extending from 2013 to 2025.



**90**

**2006 Brian Carter Cellars Tuttorosso / Red Wine / Yakima Valley**

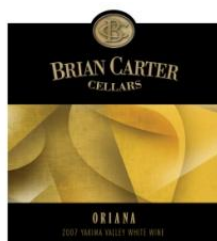
The 2006 Tuttorosso is composed of 69% Sangiovese, 19% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 12% Syrah, Carter's take on a Super-Tuscan. Deep crimson-colored, the nose offers up smoke, tobacco, allspice, cherry, and red licorice. Medium-bodied, smooth-textured, and easy-going, this savory, sweetly-fruited wine will deliver pleasure over the next 8 years.



**90**

**2006 Brian Carter Cellars Byzance / Red Wine / Columbia Valley**

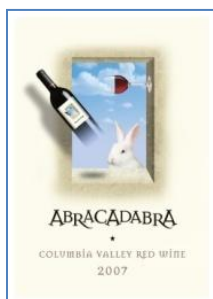
The 2006 Byzance is a blend of Grenache (61%), Syrah (21%), and Mourvedre (18%). Dark ruby-colored, the nose delivers pepper, sage, underbrush, black cherry, and blueberry. Lush on the palate, the fruit is succulent and there are already hints of complexity. Well balanced and lengthy, it should evolve for another 1-2 years and drink well for a decade.



**89**

**2007 Brian Carter Cellars Oriana / White Wine / Columbia Valley**

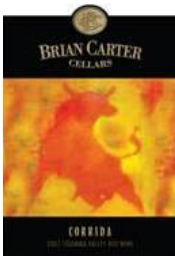
The white entry is the 2007 Oriana, a tasty blend of 52% Viognier, 35% Roussanne, and 13% Riesling. Medium straw-colored with a green tint, the nose offers up mineral, honeysuckle, tangerine, and apricot. Medium-bodied and smooth-textured, on the palate the wine is barely off-dry (0.5% RS, just at the threshold of perception), crisp, and concentrated. Drink this lengthy effort over the next 2-3 years.



**88**

**2007 Brian Carter Cellars Abracadabra / Red Wine / Columbia Valley**

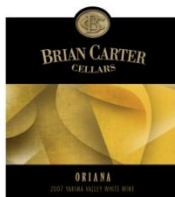
The red offering, the 2007 Abracadabra is a blend of 8 red grapes with Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot making up just over half of the blend. Dark ruby-colored, it displays an aromatic array of cigar box, cinnamon, violets, black cherry, and black currant. Medium to full-bodied, it has ample layered, savory fruit, a bit of structure, some complexity, and excellent length. It will offer pleasure over the next 3-4 years.



**93**

**2007 Brian Carter Cellars Corrida / Spanish-Style Red Wine / Columbia Valley**

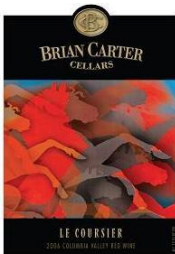
This inaugural release of Brian Carter's "Spanish Style Blend" is 70% Stone Tree vineyard Tempranillo. Carter is a supremely skillful and thoughtful blender, and the result is a luscious, mouthwatering bottle of wine that opens with a perfect mix of berries and light chocolate; scents of spice and mint; and a palate-pleasing streak of bacon fat that lingers happily in the mouth. - [P.G.](#) (8/1/2010)



**91**

**2007 Brian Carter Cellars Oriana / White Wine / Columbia Valley**

Oriana blends Roussanne, Viognier and Riesling to good effect. This nicely evolved 2007 has a bouquet of lemon oil, citrus and hints of white blossom. The citrus flavors continue, buttressed by a strong mineral streak. It's drinking beautifully right now. - [P.G.](#) (8/1/2010)

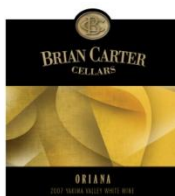


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**Cellar Selection**

**2007 Brian Carter Cellars Le Coursier / Bordeaux-Style Red Wine / Columbia Valley**

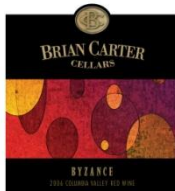
Previous vintage were called L'Etalon but a threatened legal action prompted the name change. It's the same type of Bordeaux blend. When first opened it's quite firm and tannic; as it breathes you'll note hints of violets and a core of cassis, all beautifully proportioned. - [P.G.](#) (8/1/2010)



**90**

**2008 Brian Carter Cellars Oriana / White Wine / Columbia Valley**

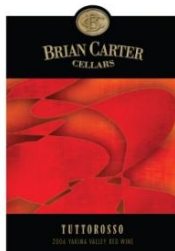
In this newest vintage of Oriana, the Riesling component has been bumped up to 18%; the rest is half Viognier, 31% Roussanne. The three grapes complement each other well; the Riesling adding aromatics, acidity and a barely perceptible amount of residual sugar...the fruit flavors are a mix of pineapple and Satsuma orange, with lots of natural acidity. - [P.G.](#) (8/1/2010)



**89**

**2006 Brian Carter Cellars Byzance / Rhone-Style Red Wine / Columbia Valley**

This is evolving, vintage by vintage, into a wine somewhere between an Aussie GSM and a Châteauneuf-du-Pape. The 2006 is 61% Grenache, 21% Syrah and 18% Mourvèdre. Fruity and delicious...with sharp scents and bright red fruits. - [P.G.](#) (8/1/2010)



**89**

**2006 Brian Carter Cellars Tutturosso / Super Tuscan-Style Red Wine / Yakima Valley**

This Sangiovese-dominated blend displays herb, olive and earth components wrapped around supple, well-modulated red fruits. This does not have the Sangiovese character that one finds in Tuscany, but it's a very well-made, food-friendly red blend that is drinking well right now. - [P.G.](#) (8/1/2010)