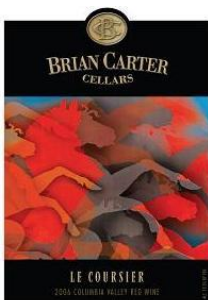


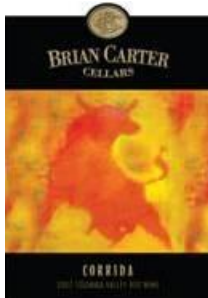
**92** 2007 Brian Carter Cellars ONE Malbec / Red Wine / Columbia Valley

Carter's second new wine is the 2007 One, a 100% Malbec sourced entirely from the Stone Tree Vineyard on the Wahluke Slope. Purple in color, it has a splendid nose of wood smoke, Asian spices, incense, lavender, black cherry, and black raspberry. Mouth-filling and concentrated on the palate, it features a plush texture, succulent flavors, and a lengthy finish. How ironic that my favorite Carter offering is a single varietal, single vineyard wine! – *Jay Miller*



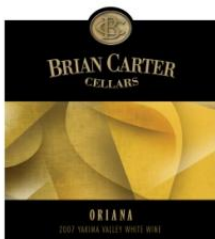
**91** 2006 Brian Carter Cellars Le Coursier / Red Wine / Yakima Valley

The 2006 Le Coursier is a blend of 39% Merlot, 34% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Cabernet Franc, with the balance Malbec and Petit Verdot sourced from 5 vineyards. It delivers an already complex aromatic array of balsam wood, spice box, incense, violets, black currant, and blackberry. Medium-bodied with some elegance and the personality of a mid-level classified growth Bordeaux, it is a racy red that will evolve for 2-3 years and drink well through 2018, perhaps longer. – *Jay Miller*



**90** 2007 Brian Carter Cellars Corrida / Red Wine / Columbia Valley

The 2007 Corrida features 70% Tempranillo with the balance Merlot, Grenache, and Cabernet Sauvignon. The Tempranillo was sourced from the Stone Tree Vineyard. Purple colored with aromas of cedar, spice box, mineral, black cherry, and blackberry, on the palate it is medium to full-bodied with ample spicy fruit, good volume, and enough structure to evolve for 1-2 years. Carter's take on Rioja will provide pleasure through 2019. – *Jay Miller*

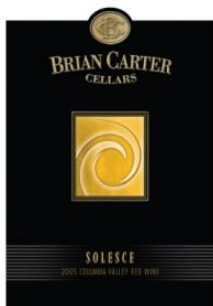


**89** 2008 Brian Carter Cellars Oriana / White Wine / Columbia Valley

There is one white wine among the new releases, the 2008 Oriana, made up of 51% Viognier, 31% Roussanne, and 18% Riesling sourced from 3 vineyards, tank fermented and aged. Light straw colored with an enticing nose of pit fruits, honey, bee's wax, and mineral, on the palate it is medium-bodied, dry, spicy, and very tasty. This well-balanced offering should be drunk over the next 1-2 years. – *Jay Miller*

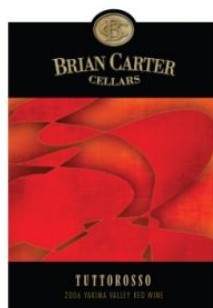


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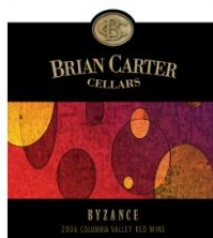
**90** 2005 Brian Carter Cellars Solesce / Red Wine / Yakima Valley

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.



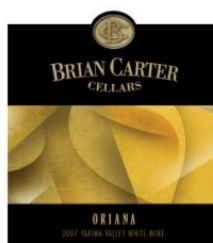
**90** 2006 Brian Carter Cellars Tuttorosso / Red Wine / Yakima Valley

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.



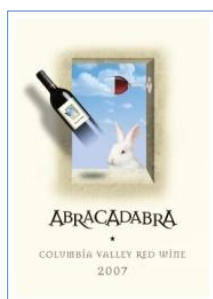
**90** 2006 Brian Carter Cellars Byzance / Red Wine / Columbia Valley

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.