



BRIAN CARTER CELLARS

2016

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 2016 also benefits from Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec, Cabernet Franc, 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%
Stone Tree Vineyard, Wahluke Slope (23%)	
E&E Shaw Vineyard, Red Mountain (21%)	
Olsen Vineyard, Yakima Valley (17%)	
Cabernet Sauvignon	16%
Stone Tree Vineyard, Wahluke Slope(8%)	
E&E Shaw Vineyard, Red Mountain (8%)	
Cabernet Franc	11%
Solstice Vineyard, Yakima Valley (8%)	
Dineen Vineyard, Yakima Valley (3%)	
Malbec	8%
Stone Tree Vineyards, Wahluke Slope	
Petit Verdot	4%
Stone Tree Vineyards, Wahluke Slope	

Oak Aging

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

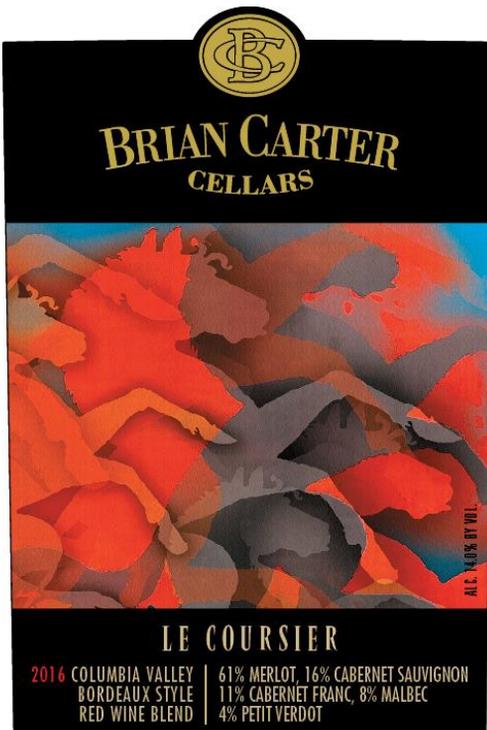
Analysis at Harvest Analysis at Bottling

Harvest Dates	Sept. 3 - Oct. 18, 2016	Bottling Date	July 10, 2018
Average Brix	25.7	Residual Sugar	< 0.1%
Average TA	0.45%	TA (%)	0.60%
Average pH	3.55	pH	3.61
		Alcohol	14.4%

Release Date 2021

Case Production 448 cases

Brian D. Carter, Winemaker



“A Passion for the Art of Blending”