



BRIAN CARTER CELLARS

2012 TRENTENAIRE

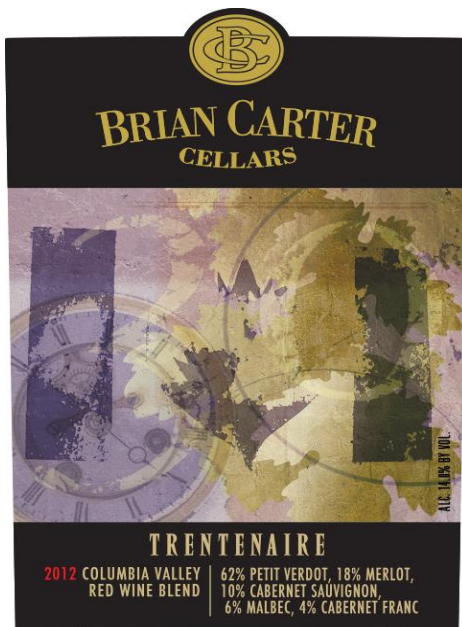
(French for 'of thirty years')

Petit Verdot based Bordeaux-Style Blend

Columbia Valley AVA

Petit Verdot, while it has always been a classic Bordeaux grape, is either avoided entirely or used in very moderate amounts in most Bordeaux blends of today. When grown in the right site, 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 wine is truly special. Now in its eighth release, it continues my celebration of over three decades as a Washington Winemaker. I think the unique character of Trentenaire captures the spirit of my winemaking career: *Make a difference, do it better, do it well.*

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, tannins and acidity are evident while the finish is smooth 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 with roasted onions and tomatoes.



ACCOLADES

91 Pts. – WINE ADVOCATE, June 2016

91 Pts. - WINE ENTHUSIAST, Sept. 2016

SILVER – 2016 Cascadia Wine Competition

SILVER – 2016 Pacific Rim Wine Competition

SILVER – 2016 Seattle Wine Awards

WINE DATA

Grape Varieties & Vineyard Sources

Petit Verdot	62%
Stone Tree Vineyards, Wahluke Slope	
Merlot	18%
Olsen Vineyard, Yakima Valley	
Cabernet Sauvignon	10%
Stone Tree Vineyards, Wahluke Slope	
Malbec	6%
Olsen Vineyard, Yakima Valley	
Cabernet Franc	4%
Chandler Reach Vineyard, Yakima Valley	

Oak Aging

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

Analysis at Harvest

Harvest Dates; Sept. 27-Oct. 19, 2012

Average Brix 25.8 Brix

Average TA 0.45%

Average pH 3.29

Analysis at Bottling

Bottling Date; August 8th, 2014

Residual Sugar <0.1%

TA (%) 0.61%

pH 3.78

Alcohol 14.0%

Release Date November 2016

Case Production 189 cases

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Winemaker

“A Passion for the Art of Blending”