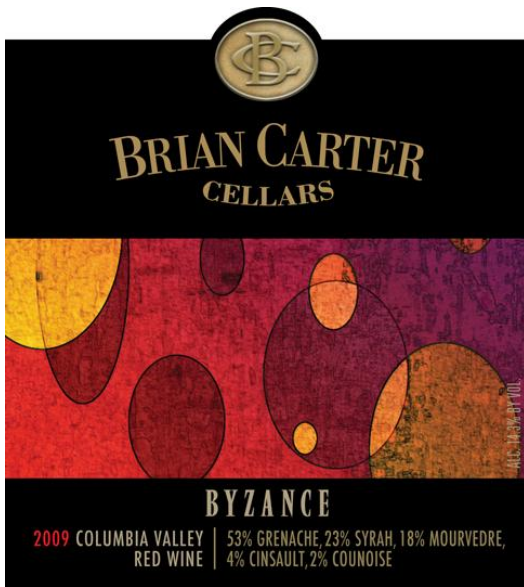




2009 BYZANCE
Southern Rhone-Style Red Blend
 Columbia Valley AVA

When coming up with the original blends at Brian Carter Cellars a decade ago, I had two criteria: inspiration from a region of the world that produces splendid blended wines and an ability to make great wine here in Washington that reflected the classic nature of those blends. No wine, no region inspired me more than the *Chateauneuf du Pape* and the terroir of Washington was already giving me wonderful Syrah and some intrigue for the variety Grenache. Little did I know how these humble beginnings would translate into the Byzance we have today. The fruit we are getting out of the Grenache with its ripe cherry character has exceeded my wildest expectations. The incredibly important addition of Mourvedre with its spice and structure, and more recently the high notes of Counoise and Cinsault have resulted in a wine exceeding my expectations by logarithmic quotients. Drink this wine blind with a bottle of *Chateauneuf*. Send me a note and tell me what you think.



Grape Varieties & Vineyard Sources

Grenache	53%
Lonesome Springs Vineyard, Yakima Valley (20%)	
Upland Vineyards, Snipes Mountain (12%)	
Elerding Vineyards, Yakima Valley (8%)	
Olsen Vineyards, Yakima Valley (7%)	
Stone Tree Vineyards, Wahluke Slope (6%)	
Syrah	23%
Olsen Vineyard, Wahluke Slope (9%)	
Stone Tree Vineyards, Wahluke Slope (8%)	
Stillwater Creek Vineyard, Columbia Valley (6%)	
Mourvedre	18%
Stillwater Creek Vineyard, Columbia Valley (8%)	
Upland Vineyards, Snipes Mountain (6%)	
Stone Tree Vineyard, Wahluke Slope (4%)	
Cinsault	4%
Olsen Vineyard, Columbia Valley	
Counoise	2%
Boushey Vineyards, Yakima Valley	

Oak Aging

24 months in 75% French & 25% European - 20% new & 80% 1-4 years old

Analysis at Harvest

Dates: Sept. 12 – Oct. 20, 2009 / **Average Brix:** 25.5 / **Average TA:** 0.45% / **Average pH:** 3.44

Analysis at Bottling

Dates: July 12, 2011 / **Residual Sugar:** < 0.1% / **TA:** 0.55% / **pH:** 3.66 / **Alcohol:** 14.3%

Case Production: 1,074 cases / **Release Date:** Feb. 2013

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 Winemaker

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