

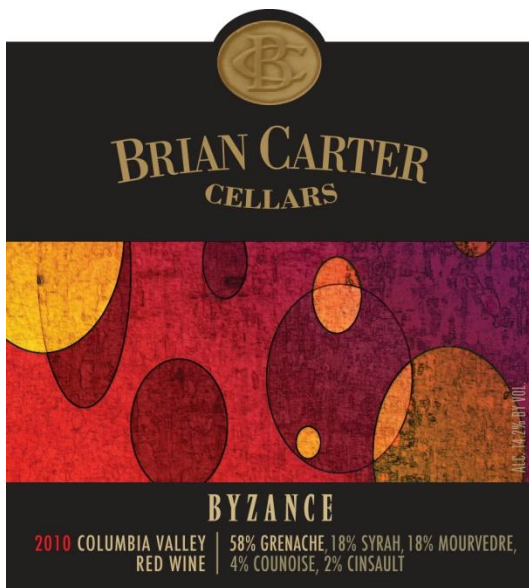


## 2010 BYZANCE

### 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.



### ACCOLADES

**90 POINTS**

**Wine Advocate, #213 June 2014**

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**Wine Enthusiast, July 1, 2014**

### Grape Varieties & Vineyard Sources

#### **Grenache 58%**

Lonesome Springs Vineyard, Yakima Valley (25%)  
Stone Tree Vineyards, Wahluke Slope (17%)  
Olsen Vineyards, Yakima Valley (10%)  
Elerding Vineyards, Yakima Valley (6%)

#### **Syrah 18%**

Stone Tree Vineyard, Wahluke Slope (12%)  
Olsen Vineyard, Wahluke Slope (3%)  
Solstice Vineyard, Yakima Valley (3%)

#### **Mourvedre 18%**

Stone Tree Vineyard, Wahluke Slope (13%)  
Stillwater Creek Vineyard, Columbia Valley (5%)

#### **Counoise 4%**

Boushey Vineyards, Yakima Valley

#### **Cinsault 2%**

Olsen Vineyard, Columbia Valley

#### **Oak Aging**

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

#### **Analysis at Harvest**

**Dates:** Sept. 5 – Nov 4, 2010

**Average Brix:** 25.1; **Average TA:** 0.61%; **Average pH:** 3.29

#### **Analysis at Bottling**

**Date:** July 12, 2011

**Residual Sugar:** < 0.1%; **TA:** 0.61%; **pH:** 3.57; **Alcohol:** 14.2%

**Case Production & Release Date:** 728 cases, August 2014

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