

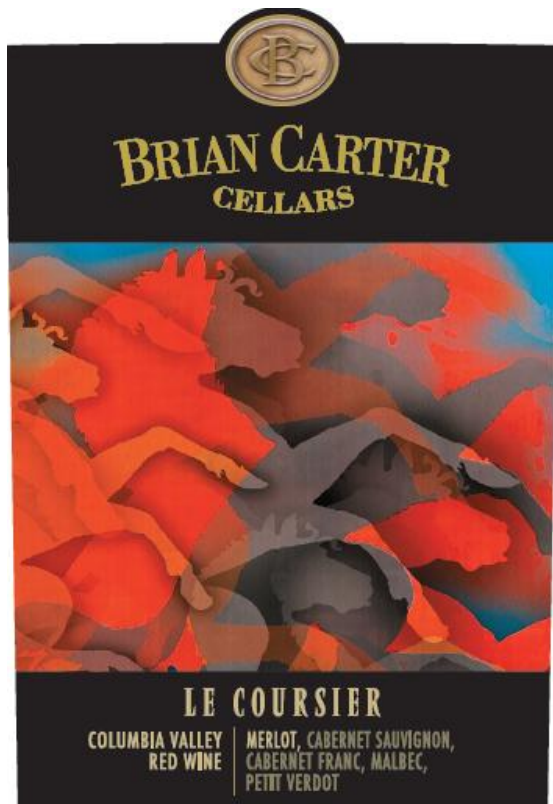


BRIAN CARTER CELLARS

2011 LE COURSIER (French for 'Steed or Charger') Merlot based Bordeaux-Style Blend Columbia Valley AVA

The cooler 2011 vintage provided the ideal conditions for the variety Merlot. This grape, a Bordeaux Classic especially on the cooler right bank, reaches its perfection in a blend with its Bordeaux fellows: Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Malbec and Petit Verdot.

The wine has a beautiful garnet hue with a nose resplendent of blackberries, ripe cherries and damson plums with a touch of leather and spice. On the palate, you will experience a mouth full of complex flavors with well integrated tannins, age-worthy balance and a lengthy finish. It is my hope that you will see my passion for blending in every sip. Serve with braised lamb shanks in a wine reduction.



WINE DATA

Grape Varieties & Vineyard Sources

MERLOT	66%
Stone Tree Vineyard, Wahluke Slope (30%)	
Olsen Vineyard, Yakima Valley (24%)	
Chandler Reach Vineyard, Yakima Valley (8%)	
Solstice Vineyard, Yakima Valley (4%)	
CABERNET SAUVIGNON	16%
Stone Tree Vineyard, Wahluke Slope	
CABERNET FRANC	10%
Chandler Reach Vineyard, Yakima Valley	
MALBEC	5%
Stone Tree Vineyard, Wahluke Slope	
PETIT VERDOT	3%
Stone Tree Vineyard, Wahluke Slope	

Oak Aging

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

Analysis at Harvest

Harvest Dates: Sept. 26-Oct. 27, 2011

Average Brix 25.0 / Average TA 0.57% / Average pH 3.40

Analysis at Bottling

Bottling Date: July 16, 2013

Residual Sugar 0.1% / TA (%) 0.60% / pH 3.56 / Alcohol 14.3%

Release Date: Nov. 1, 2015 **Case Production:** 587 cases

Brian D. Carter
Winemaker

“A Passion for the Art of Blending”

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