## BRIAN CARTER <br> Cellars

## 2015 TRENTENAIRE <br> (French for 'of thirty years') <br> Petit Verdot based Bordeaux-Style Blend <br> 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. Now half a world away, 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 tenth release, it continues my celebration of what is now four decades as a Washington Winemaker. I think the unique character of Trentenaire captures the spirit of my winemaking career: Make a difference, do it well ,do it better.

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.

## Wine Data



# Grape Varieties \& Vineyard Sources 

Petit Verdot 55\%

Stone Tree Vineyard, Wahluke Slope
Cabernet Franc
Solstice Vineyard, Yakima Valley (11\%)
Dineen Vineyard, Yakima Valley (8\%)
Merlot 10\%
Stone Tree Vineyard, Wahluke Slope
Cabernet Sauvignon 10\%
Solstice Vineyard, Yakima Valley (5\%)
Stone Tree Vineyard, Wahluke Slope (5\%)
Malbec
6\%
Olsen Vineyard, Yakima Valley
Oak Aging
22 months in $100 \%$ French oak, $40 \%$ new \& 60\% used (1-4 years)

Analysis at Harvest
Harvest Dates 8-25 to 10-7, 2015
Average Brix 26.1
Average TA $0.51 \%$
Average pH 3.65

Analysis at Bottling
Bottling Date July 12, 2017
Residual Sugar <0.1\%
TA (\%) $\quad 0.62 \%$
pH 3.79
Alcohol 14.1\%

Release Date November 2019
Case Production 269 cases
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Winemaker

