

Alexandria Nicole Cellars

Wine Club Newsletter

WHY ROCK STAR?

Is it about the vineyard's rugged terroir and the star filled sky that seems to go on forever?

Well yes, and we are poking a little fun at ourselves.

Occasionally there are Winemaker's who seem to get a little carried away (in my opinion) with the whole gig. So as a playful gesture I decide to join hands with some of the industry big-wigs who I think are "Rock-Stars" and while they may not have a guitar, they are incredibly cool and listening to them describe the subtle nuances of each wine still sounds like music to my ears.

My goal as a Winemaker is to artfully craft the best possible wines from Destiny Ridge and then once I have completed my task, I wait. I wait to see what *you'll* say. I wait to see what *they'll* say. Because I know, they are faced with the incredible task of learning about and tasting many wines from all around the world. And in the end I know if *they* like it there's a pretty good chance *you* will too.

They are the litmus test for me and it hasn't always been perfect but on the whole they are kind. Just like you and for that I am grateful.

I've included a brief bio of each of this vintages "Rock Star's" on the back of the bottle and would encourage you to get to know these guys. They are great and hey you never know, they might turn you on to some really great wine.

In addition this allocation contains Grenache, Marsanne and Primitivo (which really is its own varietal) so you won't be disappointed. The reds are still young, so if you choose to drink them within the next nine months, I would recommend decanting them. The Marsanne is my personal favorite of the white produced this year and I would encourage you to wait for a warm day to enjoy this wine. Hey, at this point a warm day is a "special occasion" so count it and think of us!

Thanks again for all of your continued support. I know there are many other clubs out there, many "Rock Stars" who would love to have your devotion, and I greatly appreciate you and yours.

Cheers,
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Girls Night Out 6/3, 7/1, 8/5, 9/2 @ Hollywood Schoolhouse
Sip-n-Stroll Fridays @ Prosser Tasting Room
Harvest Party 9/25 @ Destiny Ridge Vineyards
Release Parties 6/18 @ Woodinville, 6/26 @ Prosser

WINE AWARDS

Seattle Wine Awards

Double Gold Medal: 2009 Marsanne
 Double Gold Medal: 2007 Quarry Butte
 Double Gold Medal: 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon
 Gold Medal: 2009 Pinot Gris
 Gold Medal: 2009 Roussanne
 Gold Medal: 2009 Shephards Mark

Dallas Morning News Wine Competition

Gold Medal: 2008 Shepherds Mark

American Fine Wine Competition

Gold Medal : 2007 "Gravity" Merlot
 Silver Medal: 2007 Quarry Butte
 Silver Medal: 2007 Destiny
 Silver Medal: 2008 Sauvignon Blanc

GLAMPING

Glamping season is among us! We are so excited to offer glamping at the vineyard this summer. Reservations are going great and we hope you will come see us. Spend the evening under the stars...in comfort!

To make reservations visit www.ancglamping.com.

HOLLYWOOD SCHOOLHOUSE

Our newest tasting room is open in Woodinville. If you get the chance, stop by and check out this beautiful facility. A lovely tasting room with an amazing Hidden Door Room for our wine club members. Stop by 14810 Northeast 145th Street, Woodinville, 425.487.9463.

PRIMITIVO?

It's a varietal. The name derives from the terms *primitivus* or *primiticcio*, which refer to the grape's tendency to ripen earlier than other varieties. The grape found its way to the United States in the mid-19th century, and became known by variations of the name "Zinfandel," a name of uncertain origin.

SUMMER RELEASE TASTING NOTES

2009 MARSANNE

Our 2009 Marsanne presents with honeydew, succulent peach and light spice note, a wonderful white for red wine lovers. The balanced acidity is a testament to snatching the grapes from the vine at just the right moment to produce this lush, nutty and beautifully dry white wine. A great wine to be enjoyed all summer long.

JUST THE FACTS: 100% Destiny Ridge Vineyard | 100% Marsanne | Aged in stainless steel | 139 cases | \$28.00/750ml. bottle

2008 GRENACHE

Our 2008 Grenache provides a bounty of dark ripe fruit flavors and rich, warm overtones complete with well balanced acidity this medium bodied red wine lingers on your tongue. The finish gives way to hints of licorice, menthol, and black pepper along with delicious black cherry and strawberry notes. A duet composed from a wonderful Rhone varietal and the excellent Horse Heaven Hills growing conditions that dances in your mouth.

JUST THE FACTS: 100% Destiny Ridge Vineyard | 94% Grenache, 6% Syrah | Aged 18 months in 75% new French oak and 25% neutral French oak | 164 cases | \$35.00/750ml. bottle

2008 PRIMITIVO

The 2008 Primitivo is a deep red beauty, full of wild blackberry and raspberry notes. This is a vibrant, young red with the charm and complexity of an age-worthy, Destiny Ridge wine. Hints of clove and oak spice dance on your palate allowing the juicy black cherry to whisper its magic on your palate. A wonderful, unique wine to enjoy now or cellar to tame some of its bold fruit.

JUST THE FACTS: 100% Destiny Ridge Vineyard | 92% Primitivo, 8% Cabernet Sauvignon | Aged 18 months in 75% new French oak and 25% neutral French oak | 163 cases | \$42.00/750ml. bottle

2007 ROCK STAR RED

This wine is heaven in a bottle. The wild blackberry fruitiness of Grenache blended with the bold strength of our Syrah and refreshing acidity of Counoise, combine to rock your world in our 2007 Rock Star Red. Great combinations are created when this group gets together to jam in your mouth. Spice, wild vine berries with hints of pepper combine with a fruit forward nose that fills your senses like the opening song at your favorite rock concert.

JUST THE FACTS: 100% Destiny Ridge Vineyard | 50% Grenache, 44% Syrah, 6% Counoise | Aged 18 months in 75% new French oak and 25% neutral French oak | 164 cases | \$38.00/750ml. bottle

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