

WINERY OF THE YEAR

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A NOTE FROM THE VINEYARD...

High Expectations for Wines from Unusual Growing Season

After surviving the deep freeze last November, Destiny Ridge Vineyard has fared extremely well. While some years are hotter and some are cooler than normal years, the exciting thing for a winemaker is every year is just a little different from the next. As the 2011 vintage is slightly cooler than normal we have made adjustments in the vineyard to accommodate. These viticulture adjustments are proving to pay-off as our grapes are on the backside of veraison and looking good. I think Jose is one of the best vineyard managers and has the best field crews in the world, not much gets by them.

After tasting through the 2010 vintage in the barrels we are very excited where the wines are landing all across the board. Much more spices than normal years especially in the Syrah it make you want to get back to Jet Black baby.

Jarrod

VIP PROGRAM

You are a VIP to us as Alexandria Nicole Cellars and we want you to know it!

We are always trying to think of new and exciting benefits that we can give our Wine Club Members because it is important to us that you are rewarded in as many ways as possible for your membership with Alexandria Nicole Cellars.

A couple of years ago we kicked off our VIP program by partnering with businesses across Washington and asking them to give special incentives to our Wine Club members when they visit. We are so excited at how this program has grown and we are proud to announce some new partners!

Check our website for a list of our current partners and we encourage you to visit them with your ANC card and take advantage of the discounts and incentives they are offering!

NEW MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Watch your mailboxes for new membership cards. We think it's time for new cards. These cards will come with membership year stickers so you can keep track of how long you have been one of our wonderful wine club members.

CLOSING THE HIDDEN DOOR

We are excited to announce that the Hidden Door Club is *CLOSED*! 2011 has been a HUGE year for ANC! There have been so many exciting developments, some great accolades for our wines (*and our wine club*), and some exciting new bottlings.

It has been a blessing and also so humbling. We reached a monumental 2,000 members in August and we decided to close the club so that we could spend some time giving our current members some much deserved TLC.

Thank you so much to each and every one of you who are a part of our club, you truly are the heart and soul of what we do.

While we all like to spend time in the tasting rooms, hanging out with our current members and helping you get the most out of your membership, Jarrod is busier than ever at the winery trying to keep up with the demand for his award winning wines.

We know that our members love to bring their friends and families in to join the club, so no worries, you may still bring them in and we will be starting a waiting list for if/when we reopen the club at some point.

We believe we have the best members in the world and we are so grateful for each and every one of the 2,000 of you! Cheers!

September Release Notes

2010 ROUSSANNE

This Roussanne has the high tone that white Rhône varieties often achieve in Washington State. The aromatics start down the route of Viognier; passion fruit and peach-before deepening into more classic honey and apricot scents with air. The flavors are rich but delineated, with a clean line of minerals to focus the wine all the way through the finish.

JUST THE STATS: Destiny Ridge Vineyard | 100% Roussanne | Stainless Steel fermentation | \$28/750ml. bottle

2010 ICE VIOGNIER

These Viognier grapes were left on the vine to hang weeks past normal harvest time causing severe shrivel and dehydration, increasing concentrated flavors and aromas when temperatures fell to 17 F. and finally picked in the pre-dawn hours of November 24st 2010 at 40 brix residual sugar. The grapes were hand harvested and pressed while still frozen. This wonderfully balanced ice wines shows complex aromas of honey comb, orange peel, peach skin, and hints of spice. Intensely sweet with luscious flavors of rich honey, ripe nectarine, cinnamon and nuances of spice, all add complexity while nicely integrated in texture and balance. A judicious amount of acidity and viscosity builds structure and imagination in this very long, fleshy finish.

JUST THE STATS: Destiny Ridge Vineyard | 100% Viognier | Stainless Steel fermentation | Release limited to 127 cases | \$38/375ml. bottle

2009 MEMBERS ONLY

This appealing, southern Rhône blend is a Châteauneuf-du-Pape style, with lush, forward red fruits and pleasing traces of the estate vineyard's characteristic dusty tannins. Deep ruby black in color, this wine produces mild aromas of cherry bonbon, mocha, cedar and mint. While Mourvedre contributes elegance, structure and acidity to the blend – producing flavors of sweet plums, roasted game and hints of tobacco – the Counoise adds a peppery note. This is a supple sipper that will go great with spicy Asian pork dishes.

JUST THE STATS: Destiny Ridge Vineyard | 42% Mourvedre, 24% Syrah, 22% Grenache, 10% Counoise, 2% Viognier | Aged 20 months in 65% new French Oak barrels & 35% neutral French Oak | Release Limited to 177 cases | \$45/750ml. bottle

2009 PETITE SIRAH "MR. BIG"

Deep dark and purple, this wine offers a complex aroma of toffee, caramel, smoked meats and earth with distinct blackberry notes and a hint of spicy French Oak. Savor the rich-mouth feel of ripe fruit, brown sugar and cedar flavors. A Big bodied wine with a perfect balance of acid and fruit, it finishes long with bold drying tannins.

JUST THE STATS: Destiny Ridge Vineyard | 96% Petite Sirah, 4% Syrah (Block 17, Sara Lee Clone) | Aged 18 months in 75% new French Oak barrels & 25% neutral French Oak | Release Limited to 139 cases | \$45/750ml. bottle

2009 ROCK STAR

This wine is heaven in a bottle. The wild blackberry fruitiness of Grenache, blended with the bold strength of our Syrah and the refreshing acidity of Counoise, combine to rock your world. Great combinations are created when this group gets together to jam in your mouth. Spice and 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 STATS: Destiny Ridge Vineyard | 65% Syrah, 23% Grenache, 12% Counoise | Aged 20 months in 80% new French Oak barrels & 20% 2 year old French Oak | Release limited to 238 cases | \$42/750ml. bottle

2008 TEMPRANILLO

This is the forth vintage for this rare Washington Tempranillo from Alexandria Nicole. It's a crowd-pleaser, with deep fruit flavors of black cherry candy, wrapped in earthy, dusty tannins. As it breathes the aromas show vanilla, lanolin and spice, and the wine has excellent weight and concentration for such young vines.

JUST THE STATS: Destiny Ridge Vineyard | 100% Tempranillo | Aged 20 months in 2 year old French Oak barrels | Release Limited to 91 cases | \$55/750ml. bottle