

# Alexandria Nicole Cellars

## 2008 Syrah Ice Wine



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SYRAH ICE WINE

DESTINY RIDGE VINEYARDS  
HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

13.9% ALC. BY VOL.  
RESIDUAL SUGAR 14.7% BY WEIGHT  
38° BRIX AT HARVEST

THIS IS A BRILLIANT; FROSTED-RED wine with a transparency that almost shimmers in the glass. Tart Cranberry and ripe, red-berry fruit with pretty aromas, accented with subtle notes of raspberry and spice, gain intensity with swirling. Intensely sweet, unctuous in texture; nice acidity builds structure in a very long finish. Luscious fruit sugars and fresh acid balance make a lovely wine-as-dessert experience or after dinner sipper.

### WINEMAKER NOTES

These syrah grapes were left on the vine to hang weeks past normal harvest time and handpicked in December during the pre-dawn hours, when the temperature fell to 17F. The grapes endure several cycles of frost and cool temperatures causing dehydration and a concentration of flavors and increased sugars of about 36 Brix. The grapes are hand harvested and pressed while still frozen; the hard-frozen grapes took 14 hours of pressing to retain 50 gallons of juice per ton. A normal ton of grapes produce anywhere from 160-180 gallons per ton.

### JUST THE STATS

100% Destiny Ridge Vineyard  
100% Syrah  
Horse Heaven Hills AVA  
Only 136 cases produced  
\$38/ 750ml. bottle

Fermentation: Stainless Steel  
pH: 3.62  
TA: .52 g/100mL  
RS: 14.7g/100mL  
Alcohol: 13.95% vol