

2013 Malbec "Mr. Popular"

TASTING NOTES

The wine has intense dark purple color and exhibits classic Malbec notes of blackcurrants fruit, ripe cherry and violets with hints of rich coffee and cocoa. The palate has a wonderful rich mouth feel, full bodied with lush raspberry, ripe boysenberry and hints of graphite and vanilla. The judicious amount of acidity and tannin leads to a very good length of the slightly chewy finish.

This medium-to full-bodied Malbec is showing large amount of fruit currently and with time will increase in complexity while integrating the oak and to softening the tannin. Pairs well with beef brisket, roast duck, darker chicken meat, and grilled lamb.

ABOUT ALEXANDRIA NICOLE CELLARS

Founders Jarrod and Ali Boyle are dedicated to producing small lots of hand-crafted wine from our own Destiny Ridge Estate Vineyard. Through attentive viticulture management, balanced crop levels, gentle hand-harvesting and processing of grapes, and passionate winemaking, we produce consistent quality in every bottle. Located in the Horse Heaven Hills, our 327-acre estate vineyard is located high on the bluffs overlooking the majestic Columbia River. It is here, high on the dominate ridge, that our grapes thrive in these unique soils. It is here that our winemaker Jarrod nurtures the fruit quality from bud to bottle. Our belief is that quality starts in the vineyard.

JUST THE STATS

Appellation: Horse Heaven Hills **Vineyard:** Destiny Ridge Vineyard

Aging: Barrel aged in 70% new French oak, 30% 1-

year-old French oak

Varietal: 92% Malbec, 8% Cabernet Sauvignon

Alcohol: 14.2% **pH:** 3.60 pH **TA**: 5.5 g/L

Production: Release limited to 219 cases

\$42 / 750ml. bottle (Retail)

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