

## 2014 MALBEC "MR POPULAR"

## **TASTING NOTES**

In true classic Malbec style, this full-bodied wine has an intense, inky dark color and robust tannins. The 2014 season produced small, intensely colored fruit that lead to rich, ripe and jammy favors of wild huckleberry, blackberry and orchard plum. The aromatics are elegant, full of lavender, wild flowers, and coffee and spice. The finish showcases a judicious amount of acidity that is well balanced with the bold tannins and leads into a wonderful lingering silky finish. Pair this Malbec with fillet and heavy meats, 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: Aged 20 months in 45% new French oak,

55% neutral French oak

**Varietal:** 92% Malbec, 8% Cabernet Sauvignon

**Alcohol:** 14.4% **pH:** 3.65 pH **TA:** 5.5 g/L

**Production:** Release limited to 294 cases

\$42 / 750ml. bottle (Retail)

Winemaking Team:

Jarrod L. Boyle ~ Matt Dodson ~ Ryan Strom

