



Alexandria Nicole Cellars

2015 "Gravity" Merlot

This estate grown 2015 "Gravity" Merlot definitely deserves more than a *Sideways* glance, if you catch our drift. Washington State has consistently flipped the script on the idea that Merlot is a boring, outdated grape only to be found on the bottom shelf. For this grape to truly shine it requires warm sunny days with cool nights to help it reach full maturity while retaining a balanced acidity. Here in the Horse Heaven Hills, we have that. Deep ruby in color, the 2015 Gravity shows layered aromatics of plum, black cherry, cedar box and baking spice. Raspberry, plum, and subtle hints of blackberry compliment undertones of clove, vanilla and coffee on the palate, which are rounded out by firm yet extraordinarily well integrated tannins. The cooler night time temperatures play their role as a refreshing acidity brings this wine together in a balance that pays homage to the Horse Heaven Hills growing conditions. Although ready to drink now, this wine shows potential for cellaring upwards of five years. Enjoy!

ABOUT ALEXANDRIA NICOLE CELLARS

Founders Jarrod and Ali Boyle and our winemaking team members 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 22 months in 30% new French oak barrels & 70% 1-Year-old French oak
Varietal: 97% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc
Alcohol: 14.4%
Production: Release Limited to 403 cases

\$26 / 750ml. bottle (Retail)

Winemaking Team
Jarrod L. Boyle ~ Matthew Dodson ~ Ryan Strom

