



2016 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

JAMES SUCKLING - 93 POINTS

\$42 / 750ML. BOTTLE
(RETAIL)

TASTING NOTES

The 2016 vintage had an unusually warm start to the growing season. Bud break and bloom were significantly advanced from previous vintages, putting the 2016 vintage a good two-plus weeks ahead of average. A shift to consistently cooler midsummer temperatures extended the growing season, providing beautifully ripened fruit. Aromatics of ripe blackberry, cherry, and currant, are brought full circle via its nuanced oak profile of vanilla, cedar and baking spice. The palate is rich and dark with leathery yet supple tannins that extend into a juicy long-lasting finish. Rounding out this elegant yet lively Cabernet is a hint of refreshing acidity. Great for a steak on the grill.

VINTAGE

2016 continued the trend of warm growing seasons in Washington marked by an early start. Bud break and bloom were significantly advanced from historical dates, with bloom occurring in some areas as early as the third week of May, a good two-plus weeks ahead of average. By the end of May, 2016 was easily on pace to surpass 2015 as the warmest vintage on record.

VINEYARD: Destiny Ridge Vineyard

APPELLATION: Horse Heaven Hills

AGING: Aged 21 months in 41% new French Oak and 59% 2 and 3-year-old French Oak

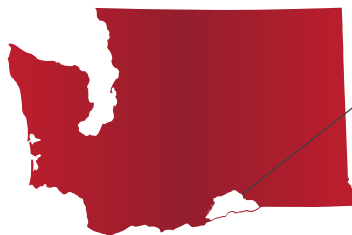
PRODUCTION: Release Limited to 443 cases

WINE MAKING TEAM: Jarrod L. Boyle & Ryan Strom

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

VARIETAL: 100% Cab Sauv

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HORSE HEAVEN HILLS AVA
Located in South Central Washington

SOIL

Sandy Loam
Missoula Flood Sediment
Hill Slope Rubble

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.

