



2016 CARMÉNÈRE

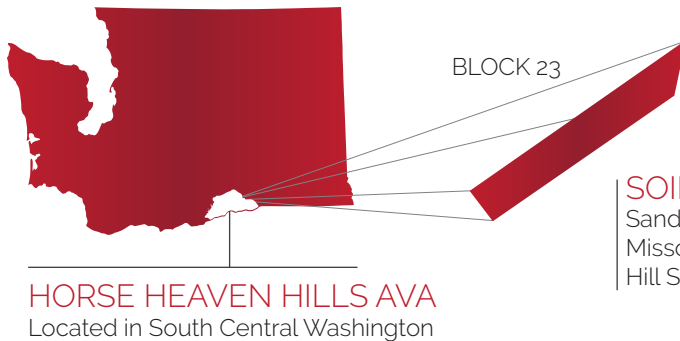
\$48 / 750ML. BOTTLE
(RETAIL)

TASTING NOTES

Hailing from the Médoc growing region in France, Carménère has proven to be a beautiful match for Washington State's optimal growing conditions. The aptly named Sergeant Pepper holds true to its name with gorgeous aromatics of black pepper, cassis, plum, black raspberry, and baking spice. The palate provides pleasant flavors of raspberry, cherry, and plum, followed by subtle hints of espresso and pepper which are present throughout the lengthy finish. Cleansing acidity balances the wine, making it a perfect match for your favorite food pairings. This intriguing estate-grown Carménère naturally matches well with smoked, grilled or roasted meats, such as chicken mole, Cuban-style roast pork, or smoked beef brisket.

VINTAGE

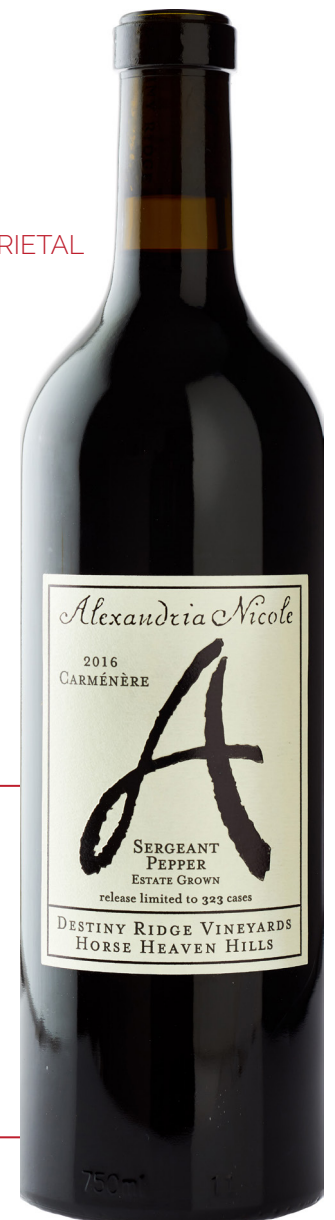
2016 continued the trend of warm growing seasons in Washington marked by an early start. Bud break and bloom were significantly advanced from historical dates, with bloom occurring in some areas as early as the third week of May, a good two-plus weeks ahead of average. By the end of May, 2016 was easily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



VARIETAL

SOIL
Sandy Loam
Missoula Flood Sediment
Hill Slope Rubble

VINEYARD: Destiny Ridge Vineyard
APPELLATION: Horse Heaven Hills
AGING: Aged 21 months in 38% new French Oak and 62% Neutral French Oak
PRODUCTION: Release Limited to 323 cases
WINE MAKING TEAM: Jarrod L. Boyle, Matt Dodson & Ryan Strom
ALCOHOL: 14.2%
pH: 3.71
TA: .60 g/L



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.