



2016 COUNOISE

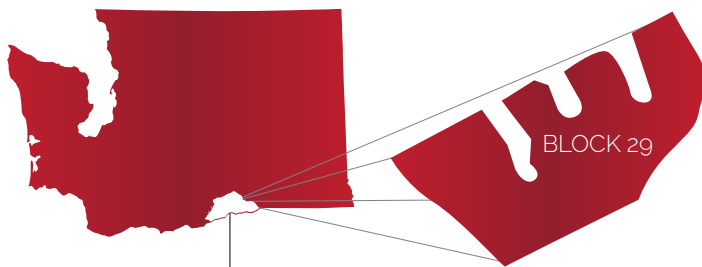
\$42 / 750ML. BOTTLE
(RETAIL)

TASTING NOTES

Counoise is one of the 13 sanctioned varieties used in Châteauneuf-du-Pape and is most commonly used as a blending grape to add complexity and focus. We at Alexandria Nicole Cellars feel that this grape thrives on its own when able to reach peak ripeness. This is precisely what our estate vineyard provides. Bright ruby in color, this wine shows lively aromatics of cherry, strawberry, cranberry and rose petal with a touch of spice. Juicy notes of strawberry, cherry, and light plum on the palate, are backed with medium acidity and a lush tannin profile, bringing this dazzling fruit-forward wine together in an elegant finish. Pair this wine with grilled or roasted meats, or try pairing with tuna nicoise.

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.



HORSE HEAVEN HILLS AVA
Located in South Central Washington

VINEYARD: Destiny Ridge Vineyard

APPELLATION: Horse Heaven Hills

AGING: 19 months in 30% new French oak,
70% neutral French oak

PRODUCTION: Release Limited to 202 cases

WINE MAKING TEAM: Jarrod L. Boyle, Matt Dodson
& Ryan Strom

ALCOHOL: 14.2%

pH: 3.61

TA: 5.55 g/L



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.