

2016 "MR. BIG" PETITE SIRAH

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TASTING NOTES

There is nothing "Petite" about Petite Sirah from the Horse Heaven Hills and Washington State, where the warm days and cool nights allow for extended hanging time in the vineyard and allows these big wines to achieve their full potential. Our 2016 "Mr. Big" lives up to its name. Inky, and dark purple in color, it gives way to deep rich aromatics of blueberry, blackberry, chocolate, and spice on the nose. This full-bodied wine tantalizes the palate with flavors of plum, licorice, blackberries, sweet tobacco, and cedar spice with undertones of chocolate. The presence of firm, yet well-rounded tannins plays wonderfully with the French oak and is the structure of this big juicy wine. "Go Big" when pairing and try this bold red paired with roasted pork, chicken mole, drunken steak with sautéed Shiitake mushrooms, or any dish rich in fat! Please decant when opening prior to 2022.

VINEYARD: Destiny Ridge Vineyard

APPELLATION: Horse Heaven Hills

AGING: Aged 21 months in 60% new French

Oak and 40% 2-year-old French Oak

PETITE SIRAH

PRODUCTION: Release Limited to 352 cases

WINE MAKING Jarrod L. Boyle, Matt Dodson

98%

Petite

Sirah

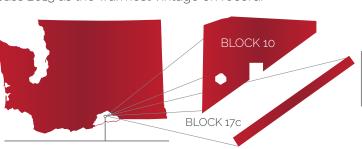
TEAM: & Ryan Strom

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

VARIETAL:

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.



SOIL

Wind Blown Sand Missoula Flood Sediment Hill Slope Rubble

Cab Franc

HORSE HEAVEN HILLS AVA

Located in South Central Washington

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.