



2016 "MR. POPULAR" MALBEC

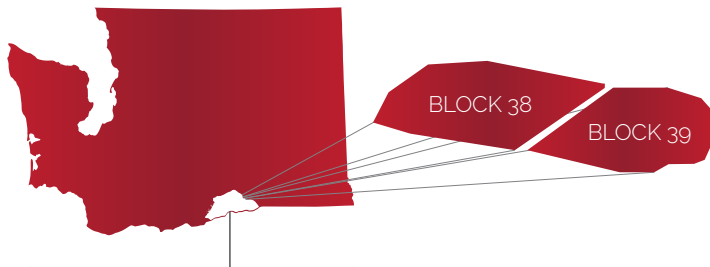
\$42 / 750ML. BOTTLE
(RETAIL)

TASTING NOTES

In true classic Malbec style, this full-bodied wine starts with an intense, rich purple and black hue and robust tannins. The warm and generous 2016 growing season produced small, intense and lively fruit that leads to a voluptuous, ripe and concentrated palate of fresh black cherry, boysenberry, mocha, and herbs de Provence. The aromatics are pleasant and refined with abundant layers of cedar, ripe berry, tobacco, coffee, and spice. A balanced finish showcases a judicious amount of acidity and firm, yet well-managed tannins, leading the way into a decadent, silky finish. If cooking is your thing, look to pair this "Mr. Popular" with Korean-style short ribs, lamb shank with rosemary and mint, glazed pork loin or something easy like a juicy grilled blue cheese burger.

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: Aged 20 months in 40% new French Oak and 60% 2 & 3-year-old French Oak

PRODUCTION: Release Limited to 343 cases

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

VARIETAL:

100%
Malbec

SOIL

Wind Blown Sand
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.

