

## 2016 "QUARRY BUTTE" RED BLEND

(RETAIL)

## **TASTING NOTES**

Our Estate Destiny Ridge Vineyard was slated to become a rock quarry before we planted on this unique vineyard site. Today, we are honored for the natural beauty and terroir afforded to us by this amazing location and we are pleased to share it with you. Quarry Butte is an elegantly expressive six varietal blend which captures the unique terroir of Destiny Ridge Vineyard. This red blend showcases opulent aromas of currant, blackberry, cherry, and subtle hints of cedar, tobacco, and mocha. The rich yet balanced palate is concentrated with ample amounts of blackberry, raspberry, vanilla, cocoa, and baking spice. The lengthy finish is complemented by a lush tannin structure, harmonizing effortlessly with the boysenberry, plum, and toasted oak undertones. If pairing with food, don't hesitate to try with a Manchego Buffalo burger, grilled lamb chops with an herbed chimichurri sauce or your favorite BBQ fare. Drink now and enjoy at room temperature!

## 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.

## 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.

