2017 Roussanne

TASTING NOTES

The 2017 growing season started out at a much different pace than the previous 2015 and 2016 seasons. A combination of cool temperatures and above average rainfall pushed bud break back nearly two weeks. Once the rain desisted, we were left with ample optimal growing days to get our late ripening varietals where they need to be in order to produce well balanced wines. The 2017 Roussanne is the definition of alluring. On the nose this wine is bursting with aromatics of citrus, key lime pie and Bartlett pear. Nuances of herbal tea and lilac add to a complexity that is only achievable through meticulous care and dedication in the vineyard. The palate shows an abundant amount of apricot, peach and tropical flavors of mango and papaya. Although a full-bodied wine, a defined acidic backbone balances out the weight of the palate providing a refreshing and lengthy finish. Roussanne is great for some intriguing food matches, so try pairing with semi-soft cheeses such as fresh blue cheese and triple cream, or roasted chicken and Blanquette of veal.

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.

JUST THE STATS

Appellation: Horse Heaven Hills
Vineyard: Destiny Ridge Vineyard
Aging: Stainless Steel Fermentation
Varietal: 100% Roussanne
pH: 3.55
TA: 0.63 g/L
RS: 0 g/L (Dry)
Production: Release Limited to 212 cases

$28 / 750ml. bottle (Retail)

Winemaking Team:
Jarrod L. Boyle ~ Matt Dodson ~ Ryan Strom