



# 2017 "MR. POPULAR" MALBEC

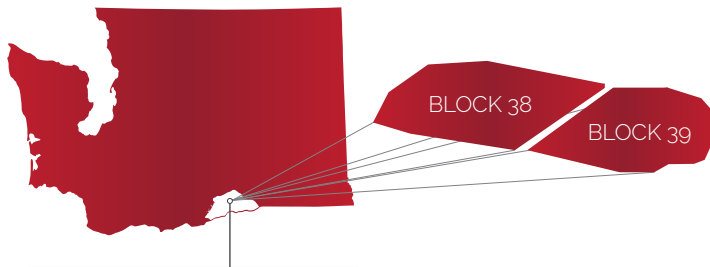
\$42 / 750ML. BOTTLE  
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## TASTING NOTES

In true classic Malbec style, this full-bodied wine has an intense, inky dark color and well-integrated tannins. The 2017 season produced intensely colored fruit that led to rich, concentrated flavors of black currant, raspberry, blueberry and cherry on the palate. The aromatics display a nice balance between luxurious fruit and subtle hints of French oak. On the nose aromas of lavender, ripe blackberry, chocolate, and mocha are rounded out with a burst of blueberry and red plum. The finish is complemented with a splash of acidity that is matched well with the firm, yet well managed tannin profile leading the way into a decadent, silky finish.

## VINTAGE

The 2017 vintage started out with a cool, wet winter, with significantly above average snowfall in eastern Washington. Going into spring, the cool trend continued. "We thought we might have another 2011 on our hands," one winemaker said, referring to the recent, historically cool vintage.



**HORSE HEAVEN HILLS AVA**  
Located in South Central Washington



## SOIL

Sandy Loam  
Missoula Flood Sediment  
Hill Slope Rubble

- VINEYARD:** Destiny Ridge Vineyard  
**APPELLATION:** Horse Heaven Hills  
**AGING:** Aged 20 months in 45% new French Oak and 55% neutral French Oak  
**PRODUCTION:** Release Limited to 376 cases  
**WINE MAKING TEAM:** Jarrod L. Boyle & Ryan Strom  
**ALCOHOL:** 13.8%  
**pH:** 3.59 pH  
**TA:** 5.57 g/L



## 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.