



2018 "SHEPHERDS MARK"

WINE & SPIRITS- 91 POINTS

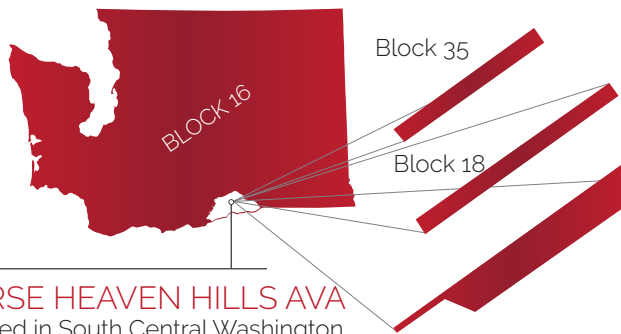
\$28 / 750ML. BOTTLE
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TASTING NOTES

In the early 1900's, pioneering Shepherders left their mark on the Horse Heaven Hills in the form of rock monuments. Many still stand along the ridge line of our Estate Destiny Ridge Vineyard. Alexandria Nicole Cellars was the first to produce this classic Estate Rhone blend of Roussanne, Marsanne, and Viognier in Washington State, and it has been our signature white wine since 2004. This year's Roussanne-based blend displays pleasing floral notes, backed by stone fruit, and tropical aromas of grapefruit and mango on the nose. A weighty palate filled with tangerine, honeysuckle and Meyer lemon gives way to a bright backbone of acidity, balancing out the wine and providing a sustained and elegant finish. The intensity of this wine makes it a perfect candidate for rich fish or poultry dishes. Try with sautéed chicken with celery-root puree. Served chilled.

VINTAGE

The 2018 vintage started out warmer than usual but ended up delivering a kind growing season. By June the weather was nice, and then it got hot through July and most of August. This vintage really benefited from September and October with warm days and cool nights allowing the fruit to mature nicely.



HORSE HEAVEN HILLS AVA
Located in South Central Washington

VINEYARD: Destiny Ridge Vineyard

APPELLATION: Horse Heaven Hills

AGING: Stainless Steel Fermentation

PRODUCTION: Release Limited to 943 cases

WINE MAKING TEAM: Jarrod L. Boyle
& Ryan Strom

ALCOHOL: 13.4%

pH: 3.58

TA: 6.8 g/L

VARIETAL:

62%
Roussanne
Block 18

17%
Viognier
Block 19

21%
Marsanne
Block 35

SOIL

Sandy Loam
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.

