

## 2016 "WILD ONE" CABERNET FRANC

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## TASTING NOTES

Our 2016 Cabernet Franc was hand-selected and fermented using native "wild" yeasts local to our Destiny Ridge Vineyard. This Cabernet Franc displays aromatics of raspberry, plum, violet, and blackberry along with subtle spice and vanilla undertones. Elegant and well structured, this full-bodied wine offers complex flavors of chocolate-covered strawberry, plum, and blueberry that are sure to satisfy. Try pairing this wonderful Cabernet Franc with a simple plating of warm toasted walnuts, pears, and blue cheese, or something a little heartier such as a beef tenderloin medallion with a savory mushroom sauce. Please decant.

## 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.

**VINEYARD:** Destiny Ridge Vineyard

**APPELLATION:** Horse Heaven Hills

AGING: Aged 22 months in 35% new French

Oak and 65% 2-3 year old French Oak

PRODUCTION: Release Limited to 362 cases

WINE MAKING Jarrod L. Bo<sup>\*</sup> TEAM: & Ryan Stroi

ALCOHOL: 14.4%

pH: 3.68

TA: 5.5 g/L

100% Cabernet Franc



HORSE HEAVEN HILLS AVA Located in South Central Washington 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. At this location is where our winemaker Jarrod nurtures the fruit quality from bud to bottle. Our belief is that quality starts in the vineyard.

