

# 2017 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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## TASTING NOTES

The 2017 vintage started out with a much cooler and wetter winter with more snowfall than we had seen in the previous few vintages. Spring followed suit which led to a sizeable delay in bud break. July and August came with above-average temperatures helping to speed up the ripening process, letting us start harvest around the same time as the previous hot vintage. The 2017 Alderdale Cabernet Sauvignon picked from our esteemed Block 5 is sure to please the crowd. Rich aromatics of ripe blackberry, cassis, raspberry, cedar, and mocha are layered throughout the wine. A velvety tannin profile lends to a well-structured palate showing more blackberry, black raspberry, cocoa and plum. Enjoy this with your favorite cut of meat fresh off the grill.

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.

**VINEYARD:** Destiny Ridge Vineyard

APPELLATION: Horse Heaven Hills

AGING: Aged 22 months in 42% new French

Oak and 58% 2 and 3-year-old

French Oak

WINE MAKING Jarrod L. Boyle

TEAM: & Ryan Strom

pH: 3.77

TA: 5.7gL

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

100% Cab. Sauv.



#### HORSE HEAVEN HILLS AVA

Located in South Central Washington

#### ISOIL

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.

