

# 2017 CARMÉNÈRE

\$48 / 750 ML. BOTTLE (RETAIL)

## TASTING NOTES

Hailing from the Médoc growing region in France. Carménère has proven to be a beautiful match for Washington State's optimal growing conditions. The aptly named Sergeant Pepper holds true to its roots with gorgeous aromatics of black pepper, blackberry, raspberry, and vanilla. The palate provides pleasant flavors of raspberry and cherry, followed by subtle hints of espresso and peppercorn which are present throughout the lengthy finish. Cleansing acidity balances the wine, making it a perfect match for your favorite food pairings. This intriguing Estate-grown Carménère naturally pairs well with smoked, grilled, or roasted meats, such as chicken mole, Cuban-style roast pork, or smoked beef brisket.

## 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 21 months in 34% new French

Oak and 66% Neutral French Oak

Alexandria Nicole

Destiny Ridge Vineyards Horse Heaven Hills

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WINE MAKING Jarrod L. Boyle **TEAM: & Ryan Strom** 

ALCOHOL: 14.2%

pH: 3.69

TA: 5.9 g/L

97%

Carménère

Syrah

BLOCK 23

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. It is here that our winemaker Jarrod nurtures the fruit quality from bud to bottle. Our belief is that quality starts in the vineyard.