



# 2017 COUNOISE

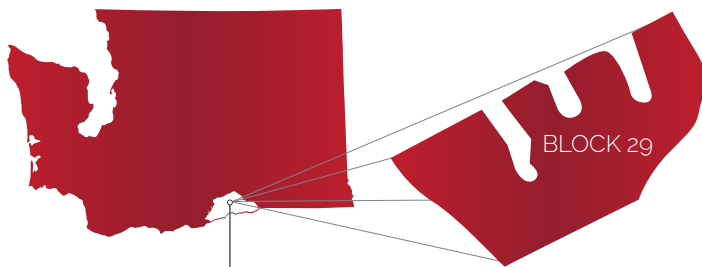
\$42 / 750ML. BOTTLE  
(RETAIL)

## TASTING NOTES

Counoise is one of the thirteen sanctioned varieties used in Châteauneuf-du-Pape and is most commonly used as a blending grape to add complexity and focus. We at Alexandria Nicole Cellars feel that this grape thrives on its own when able to reach peak ripeness. This ripeness is precisely what our Estate Destiny Ridge Vineyard provides. Bright ruby in color, this wine shows lively aromatics of Bing cherry, raspberry, cranberry, and rose petal complemented by a touch of spice. On the palate, fruity notes of strawberry, cherry, and plum are backed by an intriguing hint of anise and finishes with medium acidity and a lush tannin profile. Pair this wine with grilled or roasted meats, or with a fresh tuna Nicoise salad.

## 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

**VINEYARD:** Destiny Ridge Vineyard

**APPELLATION:** Horse Heaven Hills

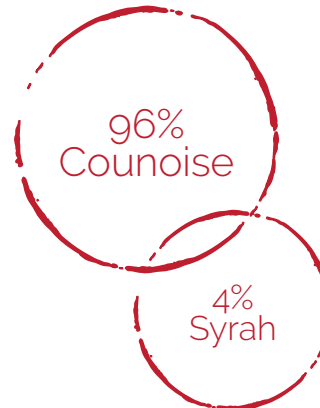
**AGING:** 20 months in 29% new French oak,  
71% neutral French oak

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

**ALCOHOL:** 14.2%

**pH:** 3.65

**TA:** 5.8 g/L



### 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.