

2018 COUNOISE

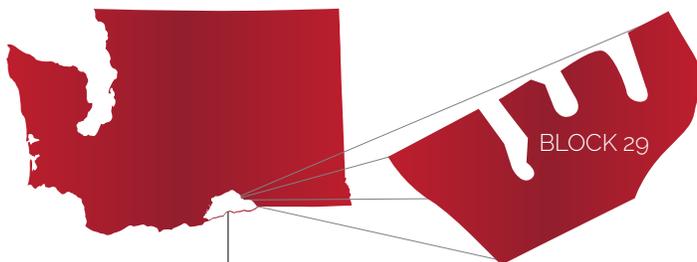
\$42 / 750ML. BOTTLE
(RETAIL)

TASTING NOTES

Counoise is one of the 13 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 is precisely what it's allowed to do at our Estate Vineyard. Deeper and darker in color than previous vintages, this wine shows lively aromatics of red raspberry, blueberry, rose petal, and cranberry which is complimented by a touch of spice. On the palate, fruity notes of strawberry, cherry, black pepper, and plum are backed by an intriguing hint of anise, finishing with cleansing acidity and a lush tannin profile. Pair it with a mushroom fettuccini or a cozy vegetable stew to really bring out its beauty. Please decant. Drink now through 2023.

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

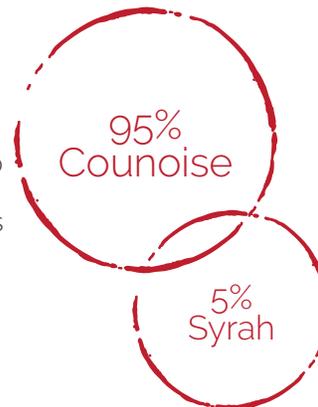
AGING: 20 months in 30% new French oak,
70% neutral French oak

WINE MAKING TEAM: Jarrod L. Boyle
& Ryan Strom

ALCOHOL: 14.2%

pH: 3.53

TA: 6.2 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.