



2019 GRAVITY MERLOT

\$26 / 750ML. BOTTLE
(RETAIL)

TASTING NOTES

Washington State has consistently flipped the script on the idea that Merlot is a boring, outdated grape only to be found on the bottom shelf. For this grape to truly shine it requires warm sunny days with cool nights to help it reach full maturity while retaining a balanced acidity. Here in the Horse Heaven Hills, we have that. Deep ruby in color, the 2019 Gravity offers layers of fruity and earthy aromatics. On the forefront, ripe strawberry is followed by notes of cherry, plum, and a rose petal. The fruitiness of this wine is complemented by notes of leather, espresso, and baking spice not only adding complexity to the nose but throughout the richly textured palate. An elegant tannin profile provides a velvety mouthfeel while cleansing acidity brings the wine to a lengthy finish. Please decant. Enjoy.

VINTAGE

The 2019 vintage started off with a late winter with several days of below average temperatures in June. Heat units rose throughout the early summer providing an optimal window to ripen our cherished white varieties. An abnormal early frost of freezing temperatures throughout Eastern Washington made this vintage one to remember.

VINEYARD: Destiny Ridge Vineyard

APPELLATION: Horse Heaven Hills

AGING: 30% New French Oak Barrels
& 60% 2-3-Year-Old French Oak

WINE MAKING TEAM: Jarrod L. Boyle
& Ryan Strom

PH: 3.71

TA: 6.23

ALCOHOL: 14.2%

93%
Merlot

5%
Cab Sauv

2%
Mourvèdre

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.

