

## 2020 "SHEPHERDS MARK"

Sunset International - 98 pts & Double Gold \$ 2 8 / 7 5 0 M L . B O T T L E (RETAIL)

## TASTING NOTES

In the early 1900s, pioneering Sheepherders left their mark on the Horse Heaven Hills in the form of rock monuments. Many still stand along the ridgeline of our Estate Destiny Ridge Vineyard. Alexandria Nicole Cellars was the first to produce this classic Estate Rhone blend of Roussanne, Marsanne, and Viognier in Washington State and it has been our signature white wine since 2004. This year's Roussanne-based blend shows aromatics of white peach, mango, pineapple, and Bartlet pear, accompanied by a beautiful floral note reminiscent of lilac. The medium-bodied palate is filled with, honeysuckle, lemon, and melon balanced by a bright flash of acidity and touch of minerality. Served chilled.

## **VINTAGE**

The 2020 vintage started off with a relatively mild with unusually warm temperatures creeping into the 100's during the month of June. Heat units rose throughout the early summer providing an optimal window to ripen our cherished white varietals. Although much of Washington, Oregon and California were plagued by smoke, Destiny Ridge was able to avoid the damaging effects, going on to produce quality wines. With temperatures once again dipping below freezing during October, this is sure to be a vintage to remember.

Block 35

HORSE HEAVEN HILLS AVA
Located in South Central Washington

**VINEYARD**: Destiny Ridge Vineyard

**APPELLATION**: Horse Heaven Hills

AGING: Stainless Steel Fermentation

WINE MAKING Jarrod L. Boyle TEAM: & Ryan Strom

ALCOHOL: 13.2%

pH: 3.45

TA: 6.8 g/L

Roussanne Block 18 19% Marsanne Block 35

> 38% Viognier Block 19

> > Alexandria Nicole

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.