

2019 "LITTLE BIG MAN" PETIT VERDOT

DRINK BY DATE: 2031 \$48 / 750ML. BOTTLE (RETAIL)

TASTING NOTES

Our Estate Grown Petit Verdot is truly the oxymoron its name suggests. In the vineyard, the Petit Verdot yields open clusters with tiny berries. Tiny berry size leads to a high ratio of skin to juice contact during the fermentation process which creates a wine that exudes concentrated aromatics of blueberry, blackberry, violet, raspberry, herbs, and a subtle hint of oak-inspired cedar and vanilla. The palate offers fine, silky tannins which give the wine a nice full-textured mouthfeel. A touch of American oak adds complexity with flavors of vanilla and cedar, with baking spice acting as a sideshow to the main act of black cherry, plum, and lilac. Cleansing acidity runs the length of the wine to retain balance and provides a long-lasting finish. Don't be misled by its name, "Little Big Man", as this big and bold wine can hold up to most grilled meats. While it drinks well now, this wine will only benefit from some cellaring time. Don't forget to decant.

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 varietals. An abnormal early frost of freezing temperatures throughout Eastern Washington made this vintage one to remember.



SOIL Sandy Loam Missoula Flood Sediment Hill Slope Rubble

HORSE HEAVEN HILLS AVA Located in South Central Washington

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.

VINEYARD: Destiny Ridge Vineyard **APPELLATION:** Horse Heaven Hills AGING: Aged 18 Months in 15% New French Oak, 5% new American Oak and 80% Neutral Oak Barrels WINE MAKING Jarrod L. Boyle TEAM: & Ryan Strom pH: 3.85 TA: 6.0 g/L ALC%: 14.4% 80% Petit Verdot 15% Merlot 5% Alexandria Nicole Cab Sauv 2019 Petit Verdot LITTLE BIG MAN ESTATE GROW DESTINY RIDGE VINEYARDS HORSE HEAVEN HILLS