

## 2019 "MR. POPULAR" MALBEC

DRINK BY DATE: 2031

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## TASTING NOTES

The estate Malbec really shined in the 2019 vintage. This dark, inky wine is very fruit-forward and showy. Chocolate-covered red raspberries and plum enlighten your nose before luscious dark fruit, baking spices, and cocoa fill your palate. This wine is very decadent, plush, and dense, with a silky finish. It will pair nicely with a variety of barbequed red meats, especially brisket or ribs drenched in sauce. Lamb meatballs, swordfish, blue cheese, and raspberry brownies would also pair delightfully.

## VINTAGE

The 2019 vintage started 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

**VINEYARD:** Destiny Ridge Vineyard

**APPELLATION:** Horse Heaven Hills

AGING: Aged 18 Months in 25% Once-Used

French Oak Barrels and 75% Neutral

Oak Barrels

WINE MAKING Jarrod L. Boyle

**TEAM**: & Ryan Strom

ALCOHOL: 14.4%

pH: 3.75 pH

TA: 5.8 g/L



## 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.