



# 2019 COUNOISE

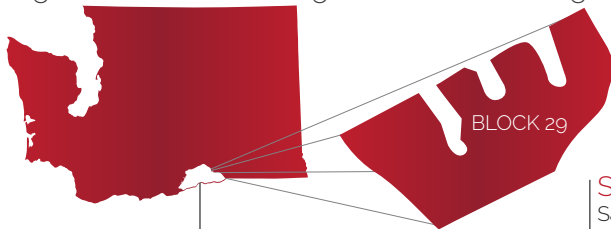
\$42 / 750ML. BOTTLE  
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## TASTING NOTES

Counoise is one of the thirteen 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 ripeness is precisely what our Estate Destiny Ridge Vineyard provides. The aromatics of this wine are deeply versatile. The longer it sits in your glass and the more you revisit it, the more descriptors you are going to pull out of it. Aromas range from the fruity aromatics of red raspberry, boysenberry, and red licorice, to the more toasty notes of almonds, pine nuts, and mildly roasted coffee. Add in spicy and earthy notes of anise, mushroom, and leather, and this wine is sure to have your mouth watering before you even take a sip. The palate is very spicy with hints of black pepper and fresh herbs intermixed with fresh red fruit and plum giving way to a graham cracker finish that shows off some nice dusty tannins that the Horse Heaven Hills are known for. Pair it with a mushroom fettuccini, lentils, a lamb burger, or a cozy vegetable stew.

## 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.



**HORSE HEAVEN HILLS AVA**  
Located in South Central Washington

**SOIL**  
Sandy Loam  
Missoula Flood Sediment  
Hill Slope Rubble

**VINEYARD:** Destiny Ridge Vineyard

**APPELLATION:** Horse Heaven Hills

**AGING:** Aged 19 months in 15% new French oak, 15% once-used French oak and 70% neutral Oak Barrels

**WINE MAKING TEAM:** Jarrod L. Boyle & Reid Klei

**AGING SUGGESTIONS:** Drink Now  
can Age 6

**ALCOHOL:** 14.4%

**pH:** 3.76

**TA:** 5.9 g/L

85%  
Counoise

15%  
Syrah

## 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.

