



2020 COUNOISE

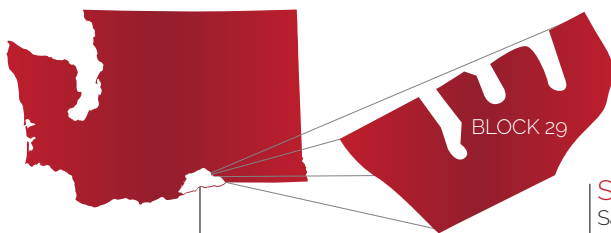
\$42 / 750ML. BOTTLE
(RETAIL)

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. Darker fruit aromatics of blackberry, plum, and red licorice give way to a plethora of secondary descriptors such as toasted almonds, pine nuts, mildly roasted coffee, earth, anise, mushroom, and leather. The palate is slightly spicy with hints of black pepper and fresh herbs intermixed with cherry and plum giving way to a soft, plush 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 2020 vintage started off with relatively mild with unusually warm temperatures creeping into the 100s during June. Heat units rose throughout the early summer providing an optimal window to ripen our cherished white varieties. 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.



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 10% new French oak, 18% once-used French oak and 72% neutral Oak Barrels

WINE MAKING TEAM: Jarrod L. Boyle & Reid Klei

AGING SUGGESTIONS: Drink Now and can Age 6-8 Years

ALCOHOL: 14.4%

pH: 3.68

TA: 5.8 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.

