

2020 "LITTLE BIG MAN" PETIT VERDOT

DRINK BY DATE: 2031

\$48 / 750 M L . 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, black raspberry, herbs, leather, and coffee. The palate offers fine, silky tannins which give the wine it's a nice full textured mouthfeel. Aging 20 months in oak adds complexity with flavors of cedar, toasted almonds, and 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 2020 vintage started off with relatively mild unusually warm temperatures creeping into the 100s 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.

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 20 Months in 20% New

French and 80% Neutral

Oak Barrels

WINE MAKING Jarrod L. Boyle

TEAM: & Reid Klei

AGING Drink now with SUGGESTIONS: Decanting Age 6-10 Years

pH: 4.01

TA: 5.6 g/L

ALC%: 14.4%

78% Petit Verdot

11% Merlot

11% Cab Sau

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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.