

## 2020 "MEMBER'S ONLY" RED RHONE BLEND

\$ 4 5 / 7 5 0 M L . B O T T L E (RETAIL)

## TASTING NOTES

We are truly blessed to have the terroir at our Estate Vineyard, Destiny Ridge, to grow not only the bold classic Bordeaux varietals but the rich and rare Rhone-style varieties as well. This Rhone red is blended and produced exclusively for our Wine Club Members. Each year our Alexandriá Nicole Cellars winemaking team sits down with our Wine Club Members to taste with them and teach them the art of blending. They are then given the reigns and freedom to create their own blend. All blends go toe to toe in a tasting competition, judged by the ANC staff, where only 1 member emerges as the Wine Club Blending Champion. This year's champion, Cindy White, delivered a beautifully balanced wine that delivers powerful aromatics and structure upfront but gives way to a long, elegant finish. Heavily Syrah-based, this wine brings dark notes of blackberry and cocoa with the Grenache lending fresh raspberry and plum. The dash of Mourvedre helps accentuate a nice spice note on the finish.

**VINEYARD:** Destiny Ridge Vineyard

**APPELLATION:** Horse Heaven Hills

AGING: Aged 20 months in 10% new French

Oak, 33% Once-used French Oak,

Alexandria

ESTATE GROWN

DESTINY RIDGE VINEYARDS

HORSE HEAVEN HILLS

2020 Member's Only

and 57% Neutral Oak

WINE MAKING Jarrod L. Boyle, Reid Klei and

TEAM: Club Member - Cindy White

AGING Drink Now SUGGESTIONS: Age 6-10 Years

ALCOHOL: 14.2%

3.78

TA: 6.1 g/L

70% Syrah

29% Grenache

1% Mouvèdre,

SOIL

Sandy Loam Missoula Flood Sediment Hill Slope Rubble

## 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.



## 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.