



2020 CARMÉNÈRE

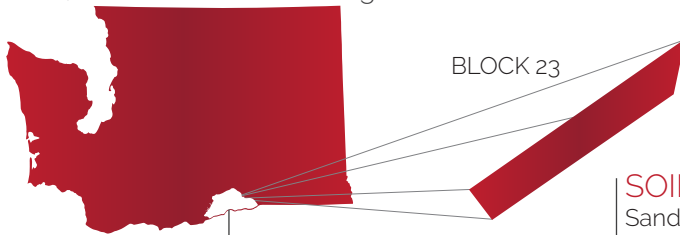
\$48 / 750ML. BOTTLE
(RETAIL)

TASTING NOTES

Carménère has proven to be a beautiful match for Washington State's optimal growing conditions and our 2020 Sgt Pepper is a textbook example of how the growing season affects the glass in your hand. Unlike the 2019 growing season that ended abruptly with an arctic cold snap, the 2020 vintage was as hot as they come. This warmer climate led to more ripe fruit and floral aromas with subtle pink peppercorn and herby white pepper notes, rather than the spicy or green bell pepper style that comes from a cooler growing year. The aptly named "Sergeant Pepper" holds true to its roots with gorgeous aromatics of red raspberry, roasted peppers, and pink and black peppercorns, along with hints of blackberry and vanilla sweetness on the palate. This wine will pair wonderfully with grilled ribeye, slow-cooked pork with Molé, or go traditional with flank steak and a herby chimichurri.

VINTAGE

The 2020 vintage started off 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 varietals. Although much of Washington, Oregon, and California were plagued by smoke, Destiny Ridge was able to avoid the damaging effects. 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



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 dominant 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.