

2021 "MEMBER'S ONLY" RED RHONE BLEND DRINK BY DATE: 2032

750ML. BOTTLE

TASTING NOTES

Keeping the line going of women winners, Christy Jones' Syrah backed blend took top prize at our 2021 Member's Only Blending Competition. Let's dive right into her blend! On appearance, this wine has a captivating deep ruby color with hints of garnet at the edges. Its richness and depth are immediately apparent, followed by an aromatic profile layered with aromas of dark cherries, ripe blackberries, and plums that intertwine seamlessly with layers of wild herbs, thyme, and a touch of lavender. Subtle hints of baking spices add a comforting warmth to the audacious nose on this wine. Dark fruits take center stage but the richness of the fruit is complemented by intriguing nuances of leather, cigar box. Velvety tannins provide structure and finesse countered by balanced acidity and well-integrated tannins contributing to a smooth, opulent mouthfeel, creating a wine of both power and elegance. To enhance this wine's lively nature pair with a spicy sausage slow cooked, perhaps as cassoulet? Or keep it simple with an aged sheep's milk gouda with earthy notes like Ewephoria from Cheeseland creamery.

VINTAGE

The 2021 vintage was a great one. Early season heat led to smaller berry and cluster sizes which created fruit with great concentration but not much yield. The warmer than average vintage led to very fruit-forward wines with a lot of ripe, fruity aromatics. And probably the best news of all, we managed to avoid smoke and an early freeze this year.



VINEYARD: Destiny Ridge Vineyard & Mattawa Vineyards APPELLATION: Horse Heaven Hills & Wahluke Slope AGING: Aged 20 months in 10% new French Oak, 33% Once-used French Oak, and 57% Neutral Oak WINE MAKING Jarrod L. Boyle & TEAM: Club Member - Christy Jones AGING Drink Now SUGGESTIONS: Age 6-10 Years ALCOHOL: 14.2% pH: 3.88 TA: 6.4 g/L 44% 6% Grenache Mourvèdre 50% Syrah SOIL Sandy Loam Missoula Flood Sediment Alexandria Hill Slope Rubble 2021 Member's Only ABOUT ALEXANDRIA NICOLE CELLARS Founders Jarrod and Ali Boyle are dedicated to producing small lots of hand-crafted

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wine from our own Destiny Ridge Estate Vineyard. Through attentive viticulture management, balanced crop levels, gentle hand-harvesting and processing ofgrapes, 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.

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