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WINEMAKER'S
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LANCASTER ESTATE 2017 NICOLE'S PROPRIETARY RED

OUR THOUGHTS...

The 2017 Nicole's Proprietary Red is a blend created from the best barrels of our estate's finest vineyard blocks. The final composition consists primarily of Cabernet Sauvignon with a small amount of Petit Verdot. On the palate this wine shows soft, supple tannins with flavors of blackberry, boysenberry and vanilla, complemented by hints of clove, black peppercorn and tobacco. Balanced by its acidity, polished tannins and exotic oak, the wine shows a beautiful juxtaposition with contrasting flavors that work well to deliver a long and lingering finish. Nicole's should be decanted when young, and should age for 20+ years.

VINTAGE AND WINEMAKING NOTES:

A wet winter followed by a relatively cool spring started what seemed to be a normal growing season. A Labor Day heat spike stalled the grapes maturing for about two weeks setting up a later than normal harvest. Throw in some wild fires and it made for an overall unique vintage.

Consistent with Lancaster Estate's commitment to making wines of authenticity and place, all of our wines are estate grown, produced and bottled. Native yeasts are used for primary fermentation while secondary malolactic fermentation occurs naturally in barrel. To preserve the truest expression of our estate, the Lancaster Estate 2017 Nicole's Proprietary Red was gently fined and then bottled unfiltered.

COOPERAGE:

The 2017 was aged 24 months in 100% French oak. We chose barrels from several coopers including Darnajou, Taransaud and Saury. 100% of the barrels were new and all were coopered using a combination of Medium Plus, Medium Long, and Heavy toast levels to provide optimal integration and balance.

COMPOSITION & ANALYSIS:

Production: 526 cases

Varietals: 96% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Petit Verdot

Titrateable Acidity: 4.7 g/L

pH: 3.72

Alcohol: 14.5%

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