

DeLILLE CELLARS

DeLille Cellars 2013 D2

Columbia Valley (51% Red Mountain)

This exceptional vintage demonstrates classical, expressive Merlot notes of floral spices, sweet herbs, pencil shavings, tobacco pouch and mixed berries. There are rich, generous flavors filling the mouth with black cherries, raspberries and kirsch liquor as well as cocoa powder and toasty oak notes. The palate continues with savory qualities tempered by an elegance that has come to define DeLille Cellars. Complete all this with a dramatic finish to experience a memorable and youthful D2.

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Review by Stephen Tanzer (Nov 2016)

"Ruby-red. Complex, perfumed aroma of blueberry, licorice and cocoa powder. Plush, sweet and deep; this round, seamless, fruit-driven blend boasts terrific immediate appeal. There's a hint of intriguing salinity here but not quite the umami richness of the outstanding 2012 example, even if this wine possesses riper fruit. Velvety and delicious right now and long and lush on the aftertaste."

VARIETAL

57% Merlot

33% Cabernet Sauvignon

8% Cabernet Franc

2% Petit Verdot

WINEMAKING

Cold soaked for 24-36 hours, fermented for 12-14 days on skin, and aged 18 months in 100% French oak (55% new). 14.3% Alcohol

VINEYARDS

D2 is sourced from 15 prestigious Columbia Valley Vineyards, including Red Willow, Harrison Hill, Ciel du Cheval, Klipsun, Boushey, DuBrul, Upchurch and Grand Ciel.

Since its founding in 1992, nearly 200 DeLille Cellars wines have scored 90+ (across 25 vintages) from top international publications. DeLille Cellars is recognized as a principal influence in the establishment of Washington as a premier viticultural region, and the winery is regarded as one of the pioneer producers of Bordeaux-style blends in the state.

"The Lafite Rothschild of Washington State"
Robert Parker









