

DeLILLE CELLARS

MERLOT

YAKIMA VALLEY

BORDEAUX STYLE

RHÔNE STYLE

GRAND CIEL

WC EXCLUSIVE

2014 This vintage exhibits rich and pretty aromas of cassis, cherries, and pomegranates, as well as pie dough and pie spices like cinnamon and hints of clove. Lavender, sweet smoke, and earth tones are also present. The flavors, showing currants and black cherries, are beautifully proportioned with hints of citrus, wet stones and slate. This wine exemplifies how outstanding Merlot can be in Washington State with its balance, great ageability, and a lengthy finish.

VARIETAL



100% Merlot

WINEMAKING

Cold soaked for 24-36 hours. Fermented on skin 12-14 days. Individual lots aged separately for 12 months before barrel selected for the blend, followed by 6 months additional aging prior to bottling. 60% new French oak. 14.6% Alcohol

VINEYARD

25% DuBrul Vineyard
25% Klipsun Vineyard
25% Red Willow Vineyard
25% Upchurch Vineyard



ANTONIO GALLONI VINOUS

OCTOBER 2017

“(From DuBrul, Klipsun, Red Willow and Upchurch vineyards): Bright ruby-red. Inviting scents of cassis, pomegranate, spices, menthol and licorice. Densely packed, plush and ripe but showing less easy sweetness than the Doyenne Red Wine that preceded it in my tasting. A tangy cranberry flavor is accented by a hint of slatey minerality, which combines with the wine's firm but suave tannins to give it a serious spine for aging. Here's a Merlot that needs no Cabernet for structure.”

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