



DeLILLE CELLARS

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Statistics

COUNTRY

United States

APPELLATION

Columbia Valley, WA

FOUNDED

1992

ESTATE OWNERS

Charles Lill, Pat Lill Jorgenson,
Jay Soloff, and Chris Upchurch

WINEMAKER

Chris Upchurch

CASE PRODUCTION

25,000

FARMING PRACTICES

Conventional farming and IPM

Varieties

Cabernet Sauvignon

Syrah

Malbec

Bordeaux Blends

Website

www.delillecellars.com

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DeLille’s broad line-up of
wines has been among the
most exciting in Washington
State.”*

— Stephen Tanzer

Winery Profile

Founded in 1992 by Greg and Charles Lill, Pat Lill Jorgenson, Jay Soloff, and veteran winemaker Chris Upchurch, DeLille has earned its place on the international stage. The winery has, since its inception, garnered praise and high marks from critics. The winery has, since its inception, garnered praise and high marks from critics, including being named the “Lafite Rothschild of Washington State” by Robert Parker. Most recently, and coinciding with its 25th anniversary, DeLille Cellars was voted 2017 Winery of the Year from Winepress Northwest and was named a Top 100 Winery by Wine & Spirits Magazine.

DeLille’s ongoing success is due in part to savvy marketing, and in selecting premium fruit from Washington State’s most sought-after vineyards including Boushey, Ciel du Cheval, Red Willow, Sagemoor, Klipsun and their estate vineyard, Grand Ciel, in the prestigious Red Mountain AVA. Of note, the Harrison Hill Vineyard, located in the Snipes Mountain AVA was planted in 1962 and contains Washington State’s oldest Cabernet vines. A portion of the Cabernet from this historic vineyard goes into a superb single-vineyard Bordeaux-style blend. Some Harrison Hill Cabernet is also incorporated into one of their most popular wines, the D2.

The focus for Chris Upchurch has always been in crafting Cabernets and elegant Bordeaux-style blends—wines that arguably rival some of the best reds coming out of Napa Valley. Recently both the 2016 DeLille Cellars Four Flags Cabernet Sauvignon and the 2016 DeLille Cellars Grand Ciel Cabernet Sauvignon received an outstanding 97 points from former The Wine Advocate critic, Jeb Dunnuck. “One of the gems in the lineup is the 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Four Flags. This thrilling, sensational Cabernet Sauvignon has a beautiful perfume of red currants, spice box, new leather, and dried flowers. Medium to full-bodied, seamless, and thrillingly textured, it offers balance, remarkable purity, and a finish that won’t quit. While Red Mountain is known for producing powerful, structured wines, this is all about finesse and elegance. It will drink nicely for two decades.” Dunnuck’s newly published barrel scores of the 2017 vintage are equally impressive.



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Critical Acclaim

2016 Four Flags Cabernet Sauvignon

97 Points

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2016 Grand Ciel Cabernet Sauvignon

97 Points

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The 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Grand Ciel Vineyard is another magical wine from this great vintage and the more elegant, classic style of the vintage worked beautifully with Red Mountain fruit. Classic blackcurrants, lead pencil, graphite, and charcoal notes all flow to a full-bodied, concentrated, layered 2016 that's flawlessly balanced, has remarkable purity, and a great finish.

2016 Chaleur Estate

95+ Points

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The flagship and made in decent quantities, the 2016 Chaleur Estate is a brilliant wine that unquestionably stands up with the top Bordeaux blends in the world. Based on 63% Cabernet Sauvignon, 24% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Franc, and the rest Petit Verdot that was brought up all in new French oak, it reveals a deep purple color as well as powerful notes of black fruits, graphite, lead pencil shavings, and scorched earth. Deep, full-bodied, and beautifully layered, with subtle background oak and building structure, it needs 4-5 years of bottle age and will keep for two decades.

2017 Chaleur Blanc

93 Points

Jeb Dunnuck

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Always one of the best whites in the vintage, the 2017 Chaleur Blanc delivers the goods and is a beautiful, Bordeaux Blanc look-alike that has classy lemon curd, citrus, mint, and green herb aromas and flavors. Medium-bodied and beautifully textured, it will keep for 4-5 years. The 2017 is primarily Sauvignon Blanc but includes 30% Semillon and was brought up in 60% new French oak.

2016 Doyenne

93 Points

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The 2017 Doyenne (60/40 Syrah and Cabernet Sauvignon) offers some toasty oak as well as rich blue fruits, cassis, and violet characteristics. It's a plump, medium to full-bodied effort that has terrific purity and a layered texture, and it's certainly going to be an outstanding wine.

2016 D2

92 Points

Jeb Dunnuck

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The 2016 D2 is mostly Merlot but includes 34% Cabernet Sauvignon and a splash of Cabernet Franc, Malbec, and Petit Verdot. It has a Bordeaux-like bouquet of tobacco, earth, lead pencil, and graphite, with plenty of ripe dark fruit. Rounded, medium to full-bodied, and textured, it's a terrific second wine to drink over the coming 10-15 years.

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