



DeLILLE CELLARS

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DeLille Cellars 2008 Chaleur Estate

The 2008 Chaleur Estate Red has a restrained nose of black cherry, plum, graphite, vanilla, fresh sage, thyme and white pepper.

The palate is complete from front to back, boasting the high pedigree of its venerable vineyard sources along with the balance of the 2008 vintage. In the mouth, the black cherry and plum carry through from the nose augmented with rich notes of vanilla, bittersweet chocolate and espresso powder.

This vintage shows the elegant side of Chaleur Estate and it's stunning, for sure. As usual, cellaring will improve this wine for years to come, though it can be hard to resist drinking now.



Appellation

Red Mountain

Varietal

64% Cabernet Sauvignon  
25% Merlot  
9% Cabernet Franc  
2% Petit Verdot

Vineyard Breakdown

50% Ciel du Cheval Cabernet Sauvignon  
14% Klipsun Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon  
18% Red Willow Merlot  
7% Klipsun Vineyard Merlot  
9% Ciel du Cheval Cabernet Franc  
2% Ciel du Cheval Petit Verdot

Wine Enthusiast  
December 2011

92 Points

*"Sharp and wound up tight, with a laser focus, this excellent young wine pinpoints raspberry, cherry and red plum fruit flavors, with good penetration and length."*