



DeLILLE CELLARS
Doyenne GRAND CIEL

DeLille Cellars 2012 Chaleur Estate Blanc

65% Sauvignon Blanc | 35% Semillon
Columbia Valley

The 2012 vintage has complex aromas of sweet grasses, Bosch pears, lime citrus, pine needle sous bois (i.e. forest floor), honey suckle and fleur blanche. Accompanying these layers in the nose, there's a developing stony minerality as well. On the palate, the structure builds to rich and unctuous flavors with vibrancy. Exotic notes of star fruit, melon, kiwi, herbs, honeycomb, toast and cream are readily apparent in the mouth. A riper Chaleur Estate Blanc, this vintage finishes with power and length.

Stephen Tanzer

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“Aromas of pear, peach, melon and honeysuckle are complicated by a mineral element. Dense and creamy, offering terrific depth to its pear and honeysuckle flavors. Displays a terrific balance of semillon richness and energy. Finishes with strong fruit and excellent cut. A beauty.”

