



DeLILLE CELLARS

Le Dessein

VARIETAL

44% Mourvèdre
36% Grenache
20% Syrah

APPELLATION

Columbia Valley AVA

AGING

Drink Now or Age
8+ Years

VINEYARD

Boushey
StoneTree
Ciel du Cheval



2020 In its youth, 2020 Le Dessein **VINTAGE** (formerly Métier) is showing dark, brambly fruits that are offered up by Mourvèdre (44%) and Syrah (20%), with Grenache (36%) adding Bing Cherry and strawberry leaf. There is a serious meaty, bacon fat component to this wine that is accentuated by notes of black pepper, violets and cranberry. The silky structure is lifted by wonderful acidity, bringing a sense of freshness to the palate. This wine always drinks well on release and can be cellared for 12+ years.

WINEMAKING

Cold soaked for 24-36 hours. Fermented on skin 10-12 days. Individual lots aged separately for 15 months before barrel selected for the blend just prior to bottling. 100% Large format and neutral barrels. Alcohol 14.5%

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“Attractively meaty notes of black pudding, blackberries, bramble and bitter chocolate here. Sage and orange peel, too. Wild and savory, with a full body and silky tannins. Supple and tasty finish. 44% mourvedre, 36% grenache and 20% syrah. Drink or hold.”