

# NOVELTY HILL

## 2013 GRENACHE, STILLWATER CREEK VINEYARD

### TASTING NOTES

“An aromatic bouquet of wild strawberries and sweet cherries repeating on the palate. Textured and mouth-filling with refined tannins and a bright, lengthy finish.”

- Mike Januik, Winemaker

### VINTAGE

2013 was the warmest Columbia Valley growing season in ten years preceding it. The vintage produced ripe, aromatic wines that benefitted from extended hang-time thanks to a cooler than usual September. Bud break was early, followed by dry, warm weather that lasted until a lengthy rainstorm crossed the state in mid-June. Because of the precipitation, the vines established a solid canopy that protected the grapes from high temperatures that persisted through July and August. Harvest started early, but cool September temperatures slowed ripening considerably. By October, the Columbia Valley's typical warm fall weather pattern returned and the grapes finish ripening beautifully to produce delicious, balanced wines with excellent acidity.

### VINEYARD

Washington Grenache continues to gain an enthusiastic following and the only thing holding it back from all-star status is the limited number of vines planted in the state. Fortunately for Novelty Hill, the winery's estate vineyard Stillwater Creek has proven to be an ideal site for this delicious grape. Planted on a steep, south-facing section of the vineyard is notable for the large chunks of fractured basalt found throughout the soil, the vineyard produces an exceptional example of this classic Rhone variety.

### WINEMAKING

- Hand-picked and fermented in small lots
- Crushed, de-stemmed, fermented and gently punched down 2-3 times a day to extract deep color and flavor without harsh tannins
- Aged 20 months 40% new French oak, 60% used French oak barrels

AVA Columbia Valley

Blend 100% Grenache

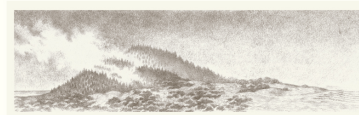
Cases 392

Alcohol 14.4%

pH 3.48

Total Acidity 0.58 g/100 ml

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