

NOVELTY HILL

2014 GRENACHE, STILLWATER CREEK VINEYARD

TASTING NOTES

"A fresh, aromatic medium-bodied wine loaded with wild strawberries, cherries and spice. Lushly textured across the palate with refined tannins and a bright, silky finish."

- Mike Januik, Winemaker

VINTAGE

The 2014 growing season gave winemakers yet another picture perfect vintage. Spring conditions were moderate, free of frost and other weather worries. Summer temperatures were warm and stayed that way through harvest. Picking started before Labor Day, with the Columbia Valley's classic warm daytime temperatures and cool autumn evenings providing enough natural acidity to give finished wines their bright, fresh finish.

VINEYARD

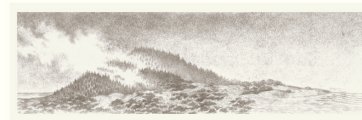
Washington Grenache continues to gain an enthusiastic following and the only thing holding it back from all-star status is the limited number of vines planted in the state. Fortunately for Novelty Hill, the winery's estate vineyard Stillwater Creek has proven to be an ideal site for this delicious grape. 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 21 months in 74% French oak, 26% American oak; 42% new, 58% used barrels

AVA	Columbia Valley
Blend	100% Grenache
Cases	332
Alcohol	14.4%
pH	3.48
Total Acidity	0.58 g/100 ml

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