



NOVELTY HILL

2012 Novelty Hill Malbec Stillwater Creek Vineyard Columbia Valley

Tasting Note	<p>A showy, richly scented wine loaded with dark fruit aromas. Rich and round on the palate with layers of delicious cocoa, this is a well-structured, textured wine with a soft, appealing finish.</p> <p>Mike Januik, <i>Winemaker</i></p>
Vintage	<p>The 2012 vintage produced impeccable wines thanks to a near perfect growing season. Spring 2012 temperatures were relatively cool but rose quickly, and by summer the weather was remarkably consistent. Early July temperatures were warm and stayed that way through harvest. Small berries packed with intense flavor matured beautifully, and the resulting flavor profiles were spot-on.</p>
Vineyard	<p>Varietal bottlings of Columbia Valley Malbec continue to gain a following, and Novelty Hill's estate vineyard, Stillwater Creek, located on a steep, south-facing site on the Royal Slope of the Frenchman Hills is leading the way. Through careful vineyard management and innovative clonal selection, the vineyard has earned a reputation for high quality grapes.</p>
Winemaking	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hand-picked and fermented in small lots• Gentle pumpovers during fermentation helped extract color and flavor while yielding soft, supple tannins• Aged 20 months in new and used barrels; approximately 88% French oak, 12% American oak
Blend	<p>88% Malbec, 6% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Cabernet Franc, 2% Merlot</p>
Total Cases	455
Alcohol	14.4%
pH	0.58 g/100 ml
Total acidity	3.74