



## NOVELTY HILL

### 2011 Novelty Hill Cabernet Sauvignon Stillwater Creek Vineyard

Tasting Notes	<p>An aromatic wine scented with black cherry, currant and spice. Full-bodied and polished on the palate, with dark berry and espresso flavors persisting throughout a lengthy finish.</p> <p><i>Mike Januik, Winemaker</i></p>
Vintage	<p>The 2011 vintage will be remembered as a cooler year than is typical of the Columbia Valley that came together late in the season to produce aromatic, flavorful wines with good acidity. A cool spring brought a late start to the growing season. June and July conditions were moderate, but August temperatures were similar to a typical year; and a heat wave in September allowed the grapes to finish ripening beautifully to yield wines with expressive varietal character.</p>
Vineyard	<p>Novelty Hill's family-owned estate vineyard, Stillwater Creek, is a steep, south-facing site on the Royal Slope of the Frenchman Hills in Washington State's Columbia Valley. With the goal of growing world-class wine grapes through clonal selection and careful vineyard management, the site is known for its top quality grapes. In 2010, Washington wine critic Paul Gregutt named Stillwater Creek one of the Top 20 vineyards in the state.</p>
Winemaking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Hand-picked and fermented in small lots</li><li>- Gentle pumpovers during fermentation helped extract generous color and flavor while producing soft, supple tannins</li><li>- Aged 21 months in predominately new oak barrels; 80% French, 20% American</li></ul>
Blend	<p>87% Cabernet Sauvignon 10% Merlot 3% Malbec</p>
Case Production	<p>405 cases</p>
Alcohol	<p>14.4%</p>
pH	<p>3.69</p>
Total acidity	<p>0.56 g/100 ml</p>