



NOVELTY HILL

2012 Novelty Hill Sangiovese Stillwater Creek Vineyard

Tasting Notes	<p>Bright and juicy, with fresh strawberry aromas and flavors woven around a focused core of red currant, cherry and spice that linger across a lively finish.</p> <p><i>Mike Januik, Winemaker</i></p>
Vintage	<p>The 2012 vintage produced impeccable wines with excellent color and flavor, thanks to an outstanding 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 expressive and true to the grapes' 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. The vineyard is developing a growing reputation for high quality wines through innovative clonal selection, such as Sangiovese clones 19 and 23, two Tuscan favorites yielding superior results.</p>
Winemaking	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Hand-picked and fermented in small lots- Crush, de-stemmed, fermented and pumped-over twice daily to extract deep color and flavor- Gravity racked every 3 - 4 months- Aged in 35% new, 65% once-used French oak barrels for 22 months
Blend	100% Sangiovese
Case Production	444 cases
Alcohol	14.4%
pH	3.58
Total acidity	0.60 g/100 ml