

# NOVELTY HILL

## 2014 Roussanne Stillwater Creek Vineyard

### Tasting Notes

A juicy, vibrant wine with spicy pear and delicate floral notes wrapped around a citrus core. Ripe and lush on the palate with an expressive finish.

- Mike Januik, Winemaker

### Vintage

The 2014 growing season was 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

Novelty Hill's family-owned vineyard, Stillwater Creek, is a warm site known for its steep slopes and large pieces of fractured basalt found throughout the soils, something of an anomaly in the Columbia Valley. More than one visitor has commented on the soil's similarity to the Rhone, perhaps one reason why varieties like Roussanne thrive here.

### Winemaking

- Hand-picked and fermented in small lots
- Barrel fermented in neutral 100% French oak
- *Sur lie* aged for 7 months

Blend 83% Roussanne  
17% Viognier

Cases 432

Alcohol 13.5%

pH 3.34

Total Acidity 0.60 g/100 ml

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