

NOVELTY HILL

2013 ROYAL SLOPE RED

TASTING NOTES

Wild strawberries, sweet cherry and mouth-watering layers of currant, blackberry and plum fill the glass and delight the palate. This is a medium-bodied wine with hint of spices and lip-smacking fresh fruit flavors that linger across the finish.

- Mike Januik, Winemaker

VINTAGE

2013 was the warmest Columbia Valley growing season in ten years preceding it. The vintage produced ripe, aromatic wines that benefitted from extended hang-time thanks to a cooler than usual September. Bud break was early, followed by dry, warm weather that lasted until a lengthy rainstorm crossed the state in mid-June. Because of the precipitation, the vines established a solid canopy that protected the grapes from high temperatures that persisted through July and August. Harvest started early, but cool September temperatures slowed ripening considerably. By October, the Columbia Valley's typical warm fall weather pattern returned and the grapes finish ripening beautifully to produce delicious, balanced wines with excellent acidity.

VINEYARD

Novelty Hill's family-owned estate vineyard Stillwater Creek, planted on the Royal Slope of the Frenchman Hills and managed by veteran viticulturist Ed Kelly, is the primary source for this delicious blend. First planted in 2000 with an elite selection of clones, the site quickly distinguished itself as one of the Columbia Valley's top vineyards.

WINEMAKING

- Twice-daily pumpovers gently extracted color and flavor from the grapes during the early stages of fermentation
- Fermentation finished in barrels to integrate the fruit and oak
- Gravity racked to soften and clarify the wine
- Aged 21 months in 20% new, 50% used French oak; 10% new, 20% used American oak barrels

Blend 22% Sangiovese, 19% Syrah, 18% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Cabernet Franc, 14% Petit Verdot, 4% Malbec, 3% Merlot, 3% Mourvedre

Cases 2,268

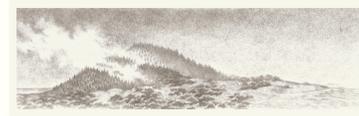
Alcohol 14.4%

pH 3.72

Total Acidity 0.55 g/100 ml

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