

# NOVELTY HILL

## 2014 Viognier Stillwater Creek Vineyard

### Tasting Notes

Delicious floral notes with juicy peach and sweet apricot aromas and flavor are woven across the palate of this lively wine with just the right amount of acidity to leave a balanced, polished impression.

- Mike Januik, Winemaker

### Vintage

The 2014 growing season gave winemakers yet 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

Sourced exclusively from Novelty Hill's Stillwater Creek estate vineyard on the Royal Slope of the Frenchman Hills. This is a warm site known for its unique soils filled with fractured basalt remarkably similar to soils found in the Rhone Valley, perhaps one reason why this delicate, balanced Viognier is so true to its varietal character.

### Winemaking

- Whole cluster pressed to gently extract the juice
- Barrel fermented and *sur lie* aged for seven months in neutral French oak to add complexity to the finished wine and heighten the grapes' wonderful aromatics

Blend	100% Viognier
Cases	476
Alcohol	13.5%
pH	3.30
Total Acidity	0.59 g/100 ml

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