

NOVELTY HILL

2014 LATE HARVEST SEMILLON, STILLWATER CREEK VINEYARD

TASTING NOTES

The 2014 Late Harvest Semillon boasts an immensely powerful nose of fresh apricot that repeats on the palate and mingles gracefully with wild honey. The mouth feel is at once weighty and elegant, with sufficient acidity to balance the residual sugar that sets up a long, lingering finish. This is a wine capable of providing decades of enjoyment.

- 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 wines their bright, fresh finish. Because the fall temperatures were so even, we took full advantage of the conditions to set aside a block of Semillon and allowed it to hang late into the season in order to develop botrytis cinerea, a condition that causes the grapes to shrivel and concentrate sugar in each delicious berry.

VINEYARD

Novelty Hill's estate vineyard, Stillwater Creek, is a steep, south-facing site on the Royal Slope of the Frenchman Hills in Washington State's Columbia Valley. Semillon is planted on the north section of the vineyard in an area filled with unique soils containing fractured basalt, an anomaly in the Columbia Valley and perhaps one reason why Semillon from here is so distinct.

WINEMAKING

- Hand-picked clusters were carefully selected and sorted for appropriate shrivel to produce deliciously high levels of residual sugar in the fermented wine
- Whole cluster pressed to avoid bitterness
- Barrel fermented in French oak
- *Sur lie* aged four months in neutral French oak

Blend 100% Semillon

Cases 251

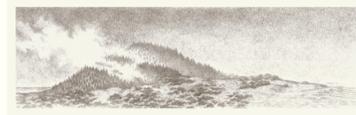
Alcohol 10.5%

pH 3.48

Total Acidity 0.88 g/100 ml

Residual Sugar 29.5%

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