

NOVELTY HILL

2014 MALBEC, STILLWATER CREEK VINEYARD

TASTING NOTES

“A full-bodied, ripe wine with showy aromas and flavors. Wild blackberry and juicy plum combine with a hint of spice, gaining richness across the palate and lingering on a weighty finish.”

- 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

Varietal bottlings of Columbia Valley Malbec continue to gain a following, and Novelty Hill’s estate vineyard, Stillwater Creek on the Royal Slope of the Frenchman Hills, is leading the way. Through careful vineyard management and innovative clonal selection, this steep, south-facing vineyard has earned a reputation for high quality grapes, including Malbec.

WINEMAKING

- Hand-picked and fermented in small lots
- Gentle pump overs during fermentation helped extract color and flavor while yielding soft, supple tannins
- Gravity racked every 3-4 months
- Aged 21 months in a combination of new and used oak barrels; 75% French, 25% American

AVA	Columbia Valley
Blend	95% Malbec 3% Cabernet Sauvignon 2% Merlot
Cases	490
Alcohol	14.4%
pH	3.70
Total Acidity	0.55 g/100 ml

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