

# NOVELTY HILL

2015 CASCADIA

## TASTING NOTES

This rich, deeply colored Bordeaux blend offers delicious dark fruit aromas in the glass with generous wild blackberry and freshly picked cherry flavors complemented by a hint of licorice and toasty spice. Balanced and textured on the palate, the 2015 Cascadia is a stylish, graceful wine with a long, elegant finish.

- Mike Januik, Winemaker

## VINTAGE

The Columbia Valley enjoyed another warm growing season in 2015. Careful canopy management in the vineyard throughout the summer shaded the grapes from too much afternoon sun, and though warm daytime temperatures persisted throughout the fall, the days were offset by the Columbia Valley's cool autumn nights. The conditions combined to slow ripening just enough to develop full physiological maturity in the fruit resulting in fresh, concentrated grapes with excellent natural acidity. A banner vintage.

## VINEYARDS

Quintessence Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon is one of the most talked about Red Mountain plantings in the last several years and was selected for this lavish Cab-based blend for its concentrated, dark fruit flavors and bold tannins. Novelty Hill's Stillwater Creek estate vineyard Merlot, with its dark, saturated color and perfumed aromatics, is always one of our favorite wines each vintage and pairs seamlessly with Red Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon. Stillwater Creek Vineyard Malbec rounds out the front and mid-palate to enhance the finished wine's balance and concentration.

## WINEMAKING

- Handpicked grapes were pumped over during fermentation to extract color and flavor while avoiding harsh tannins
- Fermentation was finished in barrels to integrate the fruit and oak
- Gravity racked to soften and clarify the wine
- A careful selection of the finest lots of the vintage were chosen to achieve a seamless assemblage of color, aromatics, texture and length
- Aged 21 months in 40% new, 40% used French oak barrels, with the remainder in half new, half used American oak

AVA Columbia Valley

Blend 64% Cabernet Sauvignon  
29% Merlot  
7% Malbec

Cases 295

Alcohol 14.4%

pH 3.70

Total Acidity 0.56 g/100 ml

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