

NOVELTY HILL

2016 GRENACHE, STILLWATER CREEK VINEYARD

TASTING NOTES

“Delicate aromas of fresh strawberry combine with black cherry, raspberry and a hint of cinnamon spice in this textured, mouth-filling wine notable for its supple tannins and long, savory finish.”

- Mike Januik, Winemaker

VINTAGE

The 2016 growing season got off to a fast start with warm spring temperatures that resulted in an early bud break. Temperatures continued to climb steadily into early summer then cooled slightly to slow growing conditions perfectly throughout July and August. Fall temperatures were moderate, easing the ripening pace just enough to extend hang time, develop full flavors in the grapes, and yield delicious wines that are both powerful and refined with purity of flavor and balanced acidity.

VINEYARD

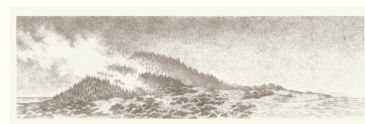
Washington Grenache continues to gain an enthusiastic following and the only thing holding it back from all-star status is the limited number of vines planted in the state. Fortunately for Novelty Hill, the winery's estate vineyard Stillwater Creek has proven to be an ideal site for this delicious grape. Planted on a steep, south-facing section of the vineyard with large chunks of fractured basalt throughout the soil, the vineyard produces an exceptional example of this classic Rhone variety.

WINEMAKING

- Hand-picked and fermented in small lots
- Crushed, de-stemmed, fermented and gently punched down 2-3 times a day to extract deep color and flavor without harsh tannins
- Aged 20 months in 33% new French oak, 62% used French oak, 7% new American oak barrels

AVA	Columbia Valley
Blend	100% Grenache
Cases	239
Alcohol	15.2%
pH	3.56
Total Acidity	0.58 g/100 ml

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