

NOVELTY HILL

2015 GRENACHE, STILLWATER CREEK VINEYARD

TASTING NOTES

“Fresh and expressive, this delicious medium-bodied wine offers sun-ripened raspberry, wild strawberry and sweet cherry aromas and flavors on a polished frame laced with silky, refined tannins that echo on a long, satisfying 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.

VINEYARD

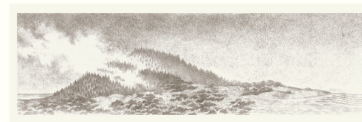
Washington Grenache continues to gain an enthusiastic following and the only thing holding it back from all-star status is the limited number of vines planted in the state. Fortunately for Novelty Hill, the winery’s estate vineyard Stillwater Creek has proven to be an ideal site for this delicious grape. Planted on a steep, south-facing section of the vineyard is notable for the large chunks of fractured basalt found 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 25% French oak, 62% used French oak and 13% new American oak

AVA	Columbia Valley
Blend	100% Grenache
Cases	387
Alcohol	14.9%
pH	3.48
Total Acidity	0.58 g/100 ml

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