

NOVELTY HILL

2017 ROUSSANNE STILLWATER CREEK VINEYARD

TASTING NOTES

A wonderfully aromatic wine with honeyed-peach, fresh pear, and elegant floral aromas and flavors that gain focus on the palate, becoming all the more lovely across a long, expressive finish.

- *Mike Januik, Winemaker*

VINTAGE

Spring 2017 was marked by cool, wet weather that resulted in a late bud break, but hot, dry summer conditions accelerated the season and put ripening back on track. Clusters were small with fewer berries than usual allowing light to penetrate the clusters and color the berries from all the sides. This combined with near perfect fall harvest conditions resulted in fresh, expressive wines with bright natural acidity. In short, 2017 will be remembered as an exceptional vintage.

VINEYARD

Novelty Hill's family-owned Stillwater Creek estate vineyard on the Royal Slope of the Frenchman Hills is a warm site known for steep slopes and large pieces of fractured basalt throughout the vineyard. The site's soil often draws analogies to soil found in the Rhone Valley, perhaps one reason why Roussanne thrive here.

WINEMAKING

- Hand-picked and fermented in small lots
- Barrel fermented in neutral 100% French oak
- *Sur lie* aged for six months

Blend 94% Roussanne
 6% Viognier

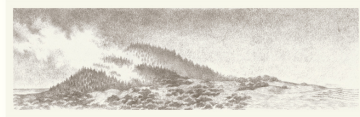
Cases 440

Alcohol 13.5%

pH 3.32

Total Acidity 0.66 g/100 ml

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