

# NOVELTY HILL

## 2016 CABERNET SAUVIGNON, STILLWATER CREEK VINEYARD

### TASTING NOTES

“A rich, impeccably structured wine, this estate-grown Cab offers dark, ripe fruit aromas that gain focus on the mid-palate. Layers of black currant, wild blackberry and spicy plum unwind slowly, lingering impressively across a balanced, expressive 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

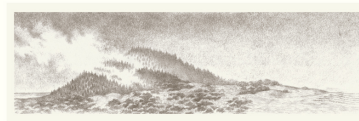
Novelty Hill's family-owned estate vineyard, Stillwater Creek, is a steep, south-facing site on the Royal Slope of the Frenchman Hills in Washington State's Columbia Valley. Managed by veteran viticulturist Ed Kelly, the vineyard's farming practices are designed to take advantage of the site's ideal location, excellent climatic conditions and unique soils to grow top quality wine grapes. In March 2007, Stillwater Creek was the first Columbia Valley vineyard certified "Salmon Safe" for environmental practices that help protect water quality and habitat for fish and wildlife, particularly native Northwest salmon.

### WINEMAKING

- Hand-picked grapes fermented in small lots
- Gentle pump overs during fermentation used to extract color and flavor while producing soft, supple tannins
- Aged 21 months in new and used barrels; 85% French oak, 15% American oak

Blend	91% Cabernet Sauvignon 9% Merlot
Cases	551
Alcohol	14.4%
pH	3.70
Total Acidity	0.55 g/100 ml

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