

NOVELTY HILL

2016 SANGIOVESE, STILLWATER CREEK VINEYARD

TASTING NOTES

"Brilliant ruby-red in the glass, this estate-grown Sangiovese is brimming with fresh cherry, wild strawberry and spicy currant aromas and flavors. Medium-bodied on the palate, with focused tannins and a long, lively 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 into early summer then cooled slightly to slow growing conditions perfectly throughout July and August. Moderate temperatures continued into the fall 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.

VINEYARD

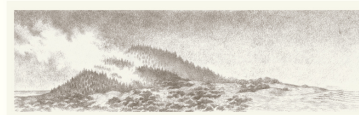
Novelty Hill's family-owned estate vineyard Stillwater Creek is planted on a steep, south-facing hillside on the Royal Slope of the Frenchman Hills in Washington State's Columbia Valley. The vineyard is developing a growing reputation for high quality wines through innovative clonal selection, such as Sangiovese clones 19 and 23, two Tuscan favorites yielding superior results.

WINEMAKING

- Hand-picked and fermented in small lots
- Crushed, de-stemmed, fermented and gently pumped over twice daily to extract deep color and flavor without imparting harsh tannins
- Gravity racked every 3-4 months
- Aged 21 months in 45% new, predominately French oak barrels

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| AVA | Columbia Valley |
| Blend | 86% Sangiovese 12% Cabernet Sauvignon 2% Merlot |
| Cases | 191 |
| Alcohol | 14.5% |
| pH | 3.50 |
| Total Acidity | 0.62 g/100 ml |

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