

NOVELTY HILL

2017 SANGIOVESE, STILLWATER CREEK VINEYARD

TASTING NOTES

“Bright and juicy, this estate-grown Sangiovese is brimming with wild strawberry aromas and flavors woven around a focused core of red currant, cherry and spice. A medium-bodied wine with refined tannins and a lively 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 vine and color the fruit from all sides. This, combined with near perfect fall harvest conditions, yielded fresh, expressive wines with outstanding flavor and structure.

VINEYARD

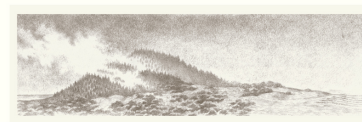
Novelty Hill's family-owned estate vineyard Stillwater Creek is planted on a steep, south-facing hillside on the Royal Slope of the Frenchman Hills in Washington State's Columbia Valley. The vineyard is developing a growing reputation for high quality wines through innovative clonal selection, such as 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 barrels; predominately French oak

AVA	Columbia Valley
Blend	88% Sangiovese 12% Cabernet Sauvignon
Cases	588
Alcohol	14.4%
pH	3.60
Total Acidity	0.60 g/100 ml

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