

NOVELTY HILL

2018 IL CORVO

TASTING NOTES

“Bursting with bright aromas and flavors of dark cherry, blackberry jam, baking spices and a hint of fennel. The flavors gain focus on a lively, textured mid-palate as they mingle with refined tannins that extend across a lengthy finish. A wine that promises immediate enjoyment now but will also improve with age.”

- Mike Januik, Winemaker

VINTAGE

The 2018 Columbia Valley growing season started slowly. Temperatures were cool throughout most of April, then the heat arrived in May and the warm weather persisted throughout the summer. By early September, conditions moderated significantly, and the growing region’s classic pattern of warm fall days and cool nights returned to extend harvest to a measured pace. The cooler fall temperatures slowed ripening just enough to allow grapes to develop full, mature flavors and produce ripe, balanced reds wines with excellent natural acidity and rich tannins.

VINEYARD

Sourced from two powerhouse vineyards, the 2018 Il Corvo relies on Cabernet Sauvignon from Stillwater Creek, Novelty Hill’s estate vineyard on the Royal Slope of the Frenchman Hills. This estate Cab gives Il Corvo structure and vibrancy. Red Mountain’s Quintessence Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon adds dark fruit, concentrated power, and bold tannins. Stillwater Creek Sangiovese brings classic wild berry and spice to the finished blend. A small amount of Stillwater Creek Vineyard Merlot rounds out the mid-palate and adds a touch of sweetness.

WINEMAKING

Inspired by the Alberg family’s love for Italy’s Super Tuscan wines and winemaker Mike Januik’s work in the mid-1990s with the Antinoris, one of Tuscany’s great wine families.

- Twice-daily pumpovers gently extracted color and flavor from the grapes during early fermentation
- Fermentation finished in barrels to integrate the fruit and oak
- Gravity racked to soften and clarify the wine
- Aged 22 months in 30% new, 50% used French oak and 10% new, 10% used American oak barrels

Blend 69% Cabernet Sauvignon
27% Sangiovese
4% Merlot

Cases 623

Alcohol 14.4%

pH 3.76

Total Acidity 0.56 g/100 ml

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