

NOVELTY HILL

2018 Cascadia

Tasting Notes

“From a picture-perfect vintage comes this elegant, richly styled Bordeaux blend. Generous aromas of dark summer berries, licorice and vanilla waft from the glass. Ripe and full on the palate, wild blueberries, sweet black cherries and a hint of bay leaf are woven around a core of supple, textured tannins before giving way to a focused finish that lasts.”

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.

Vineyards

Planted in 2010, Quintessence Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon has quickly become one of Red Mountain’s most sought-after grapes. The vineyard provides the base for this Bordeaux-style blend, selected for its lavish, concentrated, dark fruit flavors and bold tannins. Novelty Hill’s Stillwater Creek estate vineyard Merlot, with its dark, saturated color and perfumed aromatics, is the perfect complement to Red Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon. Together, the grapes create a seamless blend.

Winemaking

- Handpicked grapes were pumped over during fermentation to extract color and flavor while avoiding harsh tannins
- Fermentation was finished in barrels to integrate the fruit and oak
- Gravity racked to soften and clarify the wine
- A careful selection of the finest lots of the vintage were chosen to achieve a seamless assemblage of color, aromatics, texture and length
- Aged 21 months in 30% new, 50% used French oak barrels, with the remainder in half new, half used American oak

AVA	Columbia Valley
Blend	67% Cabernet Sauvignon 33% Merlot
Cases	278
Alcohol	14.4%
pH	3.78
Total Acidity	0.54 g/100 ml

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