

# NOVELTY HILL

## 2018 SYRAH, STILLWATER CREEK VINEYARD

### TASTING NOTES

“Vibrant and full-bodied, this estate-grown Syrah offers generous aromas of dark fruit, coffee bean, and earth. Concentrated layers of flavorful dark plum, wild blackberry, and smoked meat gain focus across the mid-palate. The finish is fresh and firm, with rich, refined tannins that linger.”

- 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 mature flavors and produce ripe, balanced reds wines with excellent natural acidity and rich tannins.

### VINEYARD

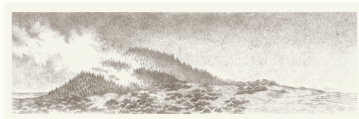
Planted in 2000 on a steep, south-facing slope with one of the most elite grape clone selections in Washington State, Stillwater Creek quickly earned a reputation as one of the Columbia Valley’s top vineyards. Clones I, 99, I74, and Joseph Phelps are grown here, making Stillwater Creek home to one of the most diverse Syrah clone selections in Washington. The site’s fractured basalt rock and extreme southern exposure are ideal for reds, especially Syrah, perhaps one reason why single-vineyard bottlings of this variety consistently rank among the State’s finest.

### WINEMAKING

- Hand-picked and fermented in small lots
- Gently de-stemmed, fermented, and pumped over to extract deep color and flavor
- Gravity racked every 3-4 months
- Aged 18 months 30% new French oak, 50% used; 10% new American oak, 10% used American oak

Blend	100% Syrah
Cases	622
Alcohol	14.4%
pH	3.78
Total Acidity	0.54 g/100 ml

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