

NOVELTY HILL

2019 R.S.R RED WINE BLEND

TASTING NOTES

“A generous, medium-bodied wine loaded with dark fruit aromas and layers of sweet cherry, black currant and wild blackberry. The flavors echo across a fresh, fruit-forward finish that lasts.”

- Mike Januik, Winemaker

VINTAGE

The 2019 growing season started slowly with cool temperatures extending into late spring, but the weather warmed as summer progressed and the vines achieved August veraison dates in keeping with a typical year. As a result of cooler than average temperatures earlier in the season, crops were thinned during the summer. Careful vineyard management helped support even ripening into the fall, a season marked by cooler temperatures yet again. But the grapes enjoyed the added hang-time that allowed the fruit to achieve physiological maturity, resulting in wines notable for their excellent natural acidity, concentration and flavor.

VINEYARD

The Columbia Valley is a diverse growing region that delivers a wide range of fruit expressions and yields delicious, multi-layered wines through blending. For this enjoyable wine, winemaker Mike Januik uses a variety of vineyard sources, including Novelty Hill's family-owned estate vineyard Stillwater Creek on the Royal Slope of the Frenchman Hills. Veteran viticulturist Ed Kelly manages the estate and credits moderate growing conditions for the grapes' extended hang time and fully developed flavors. Select lots from other Columbia Valley vineyards add layered complexity and flavor.

WINEMAKING

- Twice-daily pumpovers gently extracted color and flavor from the grapes during the early stages of fermentation
- Fermentation finished in barrels to integrate the fruit and oak
- Gravity racked to soften and clarify the wine
- Aged 18 months in 25% new, 50% used French oak and 10% new, 15% used American oak barrels

Blend 65% Cabernet Sauvignon
31% Merlot
4% Cabernet Franc

Alcohol 14.4%

pH 3.78

Total Acidity 0.52 g/100 ml

AVA Columbia Valley

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