

# NOVELTY HILL

## 2019 GRENACHE, STILLWATER CREEK VINEYARD

### TASTING NOTES

“Brightly colored with fresh aromatics, this easy-drinking medium-bodied wine is loaded with wild strawberries, black cherries, raspberries, and a hint of cedar. Lushly textured across the palate, with refined tannins and a silky finish.”

- 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. The grapes enjoyed the added hang-time that allowed the fruit to achieve physiological maturity, making wines notable for their excellent natural acidity, concentration, and flavor.

### VINEYARD

Washington Grenache has an enthusiastic following, and the only thing holding it back from all-star status is the limited number of vines planted in the state. Fortunately for Novelty Hill and fans of our Stillwater Creek Grenache bottling, the winery's estate vineyard has proven to be an ideal site for this delicious grape. Planted on a steep, south-facing slope with large chunks of fractured basalt throughout the soil, the vineyard produces an exceptional example of this classic Rhone variety.

### WINEMAKING

- Hand-picked and fermented in small lots
- Crushed, de-stemmed, fermented, and gently punched down to extract deep color and flavor without harsh tannins
- Aged 19 months in 35% new French oak, 65% used French oak

AVA	Royal Slope
Blend	100% Grenache
Cases	192
Alcohol	15.8%
pH	3.70
Total Acidity	0.54 g/100 ml

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