

# NOVELTY HILL

## 2021 VIOGNIER STILLWATER CREEK VINEYARD

### TASTING NOTES

“Bright and vivid, with honeysuckle-scented aromas wrapped around a core of stone fruit. Fresh peach, ripe apricot, and a hint of tangerine are offset by a delicious balance of minerality and juicy acidity that leaves a mouth-filling, textured impression on the finish.”

- Mike Januik, Winemaker

### VINTAGE

Growers and winemakers will remember the 2021 vintage for outstanding quality grapes that produced age-worthy wines with concentration and balance. In a year marked by low yields, grapes were deeply colored, flavorful, and intensely textured despite extreme summer weather. The season got underway in early April. Warm conditions lasted throughout the spring, then a record heat event in late June and early July sent temperatures soaring. The hot weather persisted throughout the summer, and just when it seemed the heat would never let up, temperatures cooled in late August. Fall weather was made-to-order, with the Columbia Valley’s typical pattern of warm days and cool nights setting the stage for perfect ripening conditions.

### VINEYARD

Sourced exclusively from Novelty Hill’s Stillwater Creek estate vineyard on the Royal Slope of the Frenchman Hills. This is a warm site known for its unique soils filled with fractured basalt analogous to soils found in the Rhone Valley, perhaps one reason why Viognier grown at Stillwater Creek is true to its varietal character.

### WINEMAKING

- Whole cluster pressed to extract the juice gently without imparting bitterness
- Barrel fermented and *sur lie* aged for five months in neutral French oak to heighten aromatic

Blend	100% Viognier
Appellation	Royal Slope
pH	3.28
Total Acidity	0.68 g/100 ml
Alcohol	13.5%
Case Production	232

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