

NOVELTY HILL

2019 Cascadia

Tasting Notes

“An elegant, richly styled Bordeaux blend with aromas of freshly-picked summer berries, licorice, and a hint of vanilla. Ripe and generous on the palate with wild blueberries, sweet black cherries, rosemary, and flecks of cinnamon woven throughout a warm core of supple, textured tannins. The finish is long and silky.”

Mike Januik, Winemaker

Vintage

The 2019 growing season started slowly, with cool temperatures extending into late spring. Still, 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 extra hang-time allowed the fruit to achieve full physiological maturity resulting in wines notable for their excellent natural acidity, flavor, and concentration.

Vineyards

Planted in 2010, Quintessence Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon has quickly become one of Red Mountain’s most sought-after sites. 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. Malbec is a beautiful blending partner, adding intense color and enhancing the finished wine’s mouthfeel. 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	78% Cabernet Sauvignon 14% Merlot 8% Malbec
Cases	289
Alcohol	14.4%
pH	3.78
Total Acidity	0.52 g/100 ml

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