

# NOVELTY HILL

## 2020 Malbec, Stillwater Creek Vineyard

### Tasting Notes

"Richly aromatic and expressive, Novelty Hill's 2020 estate Malbec offers wild blackberry, pomegranate, dark plum and cocoa aromas and flavors. This is a medium-bodied wine with an appealing texture and a silky, refined finish."

- Mike Januik, Winemaker

### Vintage

The 2020 growing season will be remembered for low yields, warm summer weather, and sufficient hang time to produce wines with intense aromas and concentrated flavors. Bud break began in mid-April, then conditions progressed moderately for the next six weeks before temperatures dipped in early June. Warm weather returned in July, and temperatures stayed hot through the summer. Conditions were dry, allowing growers to control vine vigor through irrigation. Grapes were slow to ripen in early September, but by mid-month, the Columbia Valley settled into its usual pattern of warm days and cool nights. Ideal harvest conditions lasted into mid-October, allowing vines to ripen light crop levels beautifully.

### Vineyard

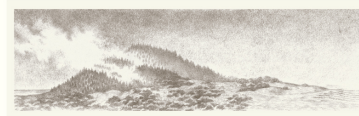
Varietal bottlings of Columbia Valley Malbec continue to gain a loyal following, and Novelty Hill's estate vineyard, Stillwater Creek on the Royal Slope of the Frenchman Hills, is leading the way. Through careful vineyard management and innovative clonal selection, this steep, south-facing vineyard has earned a reputation for high-quality grapes, including Malbec.

### Winemaking

- Hand-picked and fermented in small lots
- Gentle pump-overs during fermentation helped extract color and flavor while yielding soft, supple tannins
- Gravity racked every 3-4 months
- Aged 20 months in a combination of new and used oak barrels; 75% French, 25% American

AVA	Royal Slope
Blend	96% Malbec 4% Cabernet Sauvignon
Cases	355
Alcohol	14.4%
pH	3.67
Total Acidity	0.56 g/100 ml

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