



2003 Novelty Hill Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia Valley

Tasting Notes	<p>A richly aromatic wine with layers of ripe plum, red currant and sweet black fruit. This is a classic, full-bodied Cabernet with firm acidity and a long-lasting, concentrated finish.</p> <p><i>Mike Januik, Winemaker</i></p>
Vintage	<p>The Columbia Valley's vintages are remarkably consistent. Summers are long and dry; autumn temperatures are warm during the day and cool at night allowing the grapes to retain their natural acidity. The 2003 vintage was no exception. It was a banner year and is most notable for its warm temperatures and high overall heat accumulation that produced wines with outstanding ripe fruit character.</p>
Vineyards	<p>The Columbia Valley is a diverse growing region that provides a wide range of fruit expression by variety allowing the winemaker to craft rich, multi-layered wines by blending grapes from unique vineyards throughout the region. Vineyard sources that give this wine its richness and complexity include our estate vineyard, Stillwater Creek, and such well-known Columbia Valley vineyards as Seven Hills and Red Mountain, among others.</p>
Winemaking	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gentle pumpovers during fermentation helped extract generous color and flavor while producing soft, supple tannins• Gravity racked every three months to soften and clarify the wine• Aged 20 months in predominately French oak barrels new; both new and one-year-old
Blend	<p>87% Cabernet Sauvignon 7% Malbec 4% Merlot 2% Cabernet Franc</p>
Case Production	2,150 cases
Alcohol	14.1%
pH	3.72

Total Acidity

0.54 g/100 ml