



**2005 Novelty Hill Stillwater Creek Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon
Columbia Valley**

Tasting Notes	<p>Sweet blackberry, dark currants, mocha and baking spice aromas fill the glass and coat the palate. At once powerful and elegant, this is wonderfully rich, balanced wine that showcases the depth of Washington Cabernet Sauvignon as well as Stillwater Creek's distinct <i>terroir</i>.</p> <p><i>Mike Januik, Winemaker</i></p>
Vintage	<p>The 2005 harvest was a classic Columbia Valley vintage. Temperatures were warm in July and August, and then the heat backed off just enough in September to ripen fruit without rushing physiological maturity. The resulting wines are notable for their deep color, wonderful aromatics and complex flavors.</p>
Vineyard	<p>Novelty Hill's estate vineyard, Stillwater Creek, is a steep, south-facing site on the Royal Slope of the Frenchman Hills in Washington State's Columbia Valley. With the goal of growing world-class wine grapes through careful vineyard management and innovative clonal selection, the vineyard is recognized for its unique collection of premium varietal clones, predominately Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Syrah.</p>
Winemaking	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hand-picked and fermented in small lots• 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 18 months in predominately French oak barrels
Blend	94% Cabernet Sauvignon; 6% Merlot
Case Production	442 cases
Alcohol	14.2%
pH	3.50
Total Acidity	0.50 g/100 ml