



NOVELTY HILL

2005 Novelty Hill Sangiovese Stillwater Creek Vineyard

Tasting Notes	<p>Aromatic and richly textured on the palate, this Sangiovese offers layers of raspberry, cherry and spice. Balanced tannins add grip and linger nicely with the fruit across a long finish.</p> <p><i>Mike Januik, Winemaker</i></p>
Vintage	<p>Without exception, Washington winemakers agree the 2005 vintage was a classic Columbia Valley growing season. 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 family-owned estate vineyard, Stillwater Creek, is a steep, south-facing site on the Royal Slope of the Frenchman Hills in Washington State's Columbia Valley. The vineyard is developing a growing reputation for high quality wines through innovative clonal selection, such as Sangiovese clones 19 and 23, two Tuscan favorites that are yielding superior results at Stillwater Creek as well.</p>
Winemaking	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Hand-picked and fermented in small lots- Crush, de-stemmed, fermented and gently punched down 2-3 times a day to extract deep color and flavor without harsh tannins- Aged in a combination of new and one-year-old French oak barrels for 20 months- Gravity racked every 3 - 4 months
Blend	<p>94% Sangiovese 4% Cabernet Sauvignon 1% Petit Verdot 1% Syrah</p>
Case Production	303 cases
Alcohol	14.1%
pH	3.65
Total acidity	0.54 g/100 ml