NOVELTY HILL

2007 Novelty Hill Roussanne
Stillwater Creek Vineyard
Columbia Valley

Tasting Notes	Delicious, ripe fruit aromas and flavors make this wine an appealing quaff. Floral and citrus highlights in the nose and juicy stone fruit on the palate linger across a fresh, concentrated finish. *Mike Januik, Winemaker*
Vintage	Due to an unusual spring heat wave just before bloom, berries were smaller-than-average in 2007, adding concentration and flavor to the grapes. Good set after bloom, ideal summer conditions, followed by the Columbia Valley's typical fall weather pattern of warm days and cool nights, ripened grapes slowly and evenly. The resulting wines have excellent natural acidity and deep, intense flavor.
Vineyard	Novelty Hill's family-owned vineyard, Stillwater Creek, is a warm site known for its steep slopes and large pieces of fractured basalt found throughout the soils – an anomaly in the Columbia Valley. More than one visitor here has commented on the soil's similarity to the Rhone, perhaps one reason why Rhone varieties like Roussanne thrive here.
Winemaking	• Hand-picked and fermented in small lots • Barrel fermented in neutral French oak • *Sur lie* aging for 10 months
Blend	97% Roussanne, 3% Viognier
Case Production	363
Alcohol	13.5%
pH	3.42
Total acidity	.54