



NOVELTY HILL

**2007 Novelty Hill Malbec
Stillwater Creek Vineyard
Columbia Valley**

Tasting Note	<p>This limited release bottling from our estate vineyard is brimming with black fruit aromas and flavors, especially dark cherry and blackberry. Focused and balanced, the flavors linger on a smooth finish. Delicious.</p> <p>Mike Januik, <i>Winemaker</i></p>
Vintage	<p>A fantastic vintage due in part to an unusual spring heat wave just before bloom that resulted in smaller-than-average berries, adding concentration and flavor to the grapes. Good set after bloom, ideal summer temperatures, and 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.</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.</p>
Winemaking	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hand-picked and fermented in small lots• Gentle pumpovers during fermentation helped extract color and flavor while yielding soft, supple tannins• Gravity racked every three months to soften and clarify the wine• Aged 20 months in 50% new French barrels
Blend	<p>88% Malbec 10% Cabernet Sauvignon 2% Cabernet Franc</p>
Alcohol	14.4%
pH	0.54
Total acidity	3.66