



## NOVELTY HILL

### 2009 Novelty Hill Roussanne Stillwater Creek Vineyard Columbia Valley

Tasting Notes	<p>Bright and expressive, this refreshing wine delivers a juicy mouthful of fresh melon, floral and tangerine aromas and flavors that linger across a polished finish.</p> <p><i>Mike Januik, Winemaker</i></p>
Vintage	<p>A cool spring delayed bud break by a few weeks, but weather worries quickly subsided with the arrival of a warm, dry June and picture-perfect growing conditions throughout July and August. Fall conditions were equally ideal, with grapes reaching impeccable ripeness at a record pace. By early October, harvest was complete and the reward for a frenetic September was a glorious vintage marked by wines with generous, fruit-forward aromas and flavors and excellent natural acidity.</p>
Vineyard	<p>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, something an anomaly in the Columbia Valley. More than one visitor has commented on the soil's similarity to the Rhone, perhaps one reason why varieties like Roussanne thrive here.</p>
Winemaking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hand-picked and fermented in small lots</li><li>• Barrel fermented in neutral French oak</li><li>• <i>Sur lie</i> aged for 7 months</li></ul>
Blend	97% Roussanne, 3% Viognier
Case Production	534
Alcohol	13.5%
pH	3.41
Total acidity	0.56