



NOVELTY HILL

2009 Novelty Hill Sauvignon Blanc Stillwater Creek Vineyard

Tasting Notes	<p>Fresh melon, citrus and green apple aromas and flavors persistent across a textured, lengthy finish. This is a crisp, lively wine with concentration and a rich, creamy mouth feel.</p> <p><i>Mike Januik, Winemaker</i></p>
Vintage	<p>The spring of 2009 was cooler and wetter than usual delaying bud break by a few weeks, but cool weather worries quickly subsided with the arrival of warm, dry weather in June. Temperatures continued to climb in July and stayed warm through August. Ideal weather conditions in September and into early October ripened grapes beautifully at a record pace resulting in a short, compressed harvest.</p>
Vineyard	<p>In 2010, just ten years after planting, Washington wine critic Paul Gregutt named Stillwater Creek one of Washington's Top 20 vineyards, in part because of the site's outstanding Sauvignon Blanc. With the goal of growing world-class wine grapes through careful vineyard management and innovative clonal selection, this steep, south-facing estate vineyard on the Royal Slope of the Frenchman Hills is gaining a growing following.</p>
Winemaking	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Barrel fermented in all French oak, 30% new• <i>Sur lie</i> aged eight months for richness and a creamy texture• Blended with Semillon to lengthen the finish
Blend	<p>95% Sauvignon Blanc 5% Semillon</p>
Case Production	600 cases
Alcohol	13.5%
pH	3.21
Total acidity	0.65 grams/100 ml