



NOVELTY HILL

2002 NOVELTY HILL CABERNET SAUVIGNON COLUMBIA VALLEY

TASTING NOTES

Ripe and concentrated, this rich Cabernet is loaded with dark fruit aromas and flavors including plum, sweet blackberry and red currant. A seamless, polished wine that leaves an elegant, generous impression.

[*Mike Januik, Winemaker*]

VINTAGE

Many Columbia Valley winemakers – including ours – believe 2002 ranks in the top four vintages of the last 20 years. Overall, the season was warm. Temperatures spiked briefly in July, then moderated. The harvest was warm and dry. Grapes ripened to perfection, yielding balanced fruit and complex, flavorful wines.

VINEYARDS

The Columbia Valley is a diverse growing region that provides a wide range of fruit expression by variety allowing the winemaker to craft rich, multi-layered wines by blending grapes from unique vineyards throughout the region. Vineyard sources that give this wine its richness and complexity include our estate vineyard, Stillwater Creek, and such well-known Columbia Valley vineyards as Seven Hills, Red Mountain and Klipsun, among others.

WINEMAKING

- Gentle pumpovers during fermentation helped extract generous color and flavor while producing soft, supple tannins
- Gravity racked every three months to soften and clarify the wine
- Aged 20 months in 80% French and 20% American oak barrels; half new; half one-year-old

BLEND

89% Cabernet Sauvignon
7% Merlot
4% Cabernet Franc

CASE PRODUCTION

1,800 cases

ALCOHOL

14.1%

pH

3.68

TOTAL ACIDITY

0.57 g/100 ml