



**2003 Novelty Hill Stillwater Creek Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon
Columbia Valley**

Tasting Notes	<p>This deeply aromatic wine is loaded with dark fruit and a lively mouthful of ripe blackberry, black plum, and exotic spice. Textured, rich and harmonious, with a generous finish.</p> <p><i>Mike Januik, Winemaker</i></p>
Vintage	<p>The 2003 Columbia Valley growing season was hot, producing ripe, opulent wines and leading many winemakers to compare it to the renowned 1998 vintage. Look for jammy, fruit-forward wines marked with ripe, rich character, due in large measure to the season's high overall heat accumulation.</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, predominately Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Syrah.</p>
Winemaking	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hand-picked and fermented in small lots• 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 predominately French oak barrels, half new, half one-year-old
Blend	<p>88 % Cabernet Sauvignon 10 % Malbec 2% Merlot</p>
Case Production	194 cases
Alcohol	14.2%
pH	3.66
Total Acidity	0.58 g/100 ml