

NOVELTY HILL

2015 VIOGNIER STILLWATER CREEK VINEYARD

TASTING NOTES

Bright and fresh, with perfumed floral aromas and juicy Bartlett pear, white peach and shaved lime woven across the palate. A lively wine with great richness and just the right amount of acidity to frame a long, clean finish.

- Mike Januik, Winemaker

VINTAGE

The Columbia Valley enjoyed another warm growing season in 2015. Careful canopy management in the vineyard throughout the summer shaded the grapes from too much afternoon sun, and though warm daytime temperatures persisted throughout the fall, the days were offset by the Columbia Valley's cool autumn nights. The conditions combined to slow ripening just enough to develop full physiological maturity in the fruit, resulting in fresh, concentrated grapes with balanced natural acidity.

VINEYARD

Sourced exclusively from Novelty Hill's Stillwater Creek estate vineyard on the Royal Slope of the Frenchman Hills. This is a warm site known for its unique soils filled with fractured basalt analogous to soils found in the Rhone Valley, perhaps one reason why Viognier grown at Stillwater Creek is so true to its varietal character.

WINEMAKING

- Whole cluster pressed to gently extract the juice
- Barrel fermented and *sur lie* aged for seven months in neutral French oak to add complexity to the finished wine and heighten the grapes' wonderful aromatics

Blend 93% Viognier, 7% Roussanne

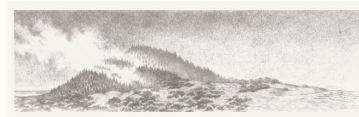
Cases 462

Alcohol 13.5%

pH 3.30

Total Acidity 0.58 g/100 ml

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