

NOVELTY HILL

2017 VIOGNIER STILLWATER CREEK VINEYARD

TASTING NOTES

A fresh, pretty wine with generous floral aromas and a hint of spice. Juicy pear and apricot flavors stretch across a long finish. This is a lively wine with just the right amount of acidity to leave a balanced, polished impression.

- Mike Januik, Winemaker

VINTAGE

Spring 2017 was marked by cool, wet weather that resulted in a late bud break, but hot, dry summer conditions accelerated the season and put ripening back on track. Clusters were small with fewer berries than usual allowing light to penetrate the clusters and color the berries from all the sides. This combined with near perfect fall harvest conditions resulted in fresh, expressive wines with bright natural acidity. In short, 2017 will be remembered as an exceptional vintage.

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 without imparting bitterness
- Barrel fermented and *sur lie* aged for seven months in neutral French oak to heighten aromatics

Blend 94% Viognier, 6% Roussanne

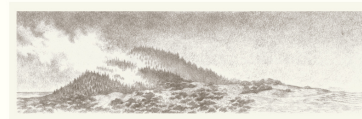
Cases 397

Alcohol 13.5%

pH 3.38

Total Acidity 0.60 g/100 ml

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