



NOVELTY HILL

**2004 Novelty Hill Red Wine
Columbia Valley**

Tasting Notes	<p>Supple in texture with impressive balance. Generous plum, black cherry and ripe blackberry mingle with vanilla and spice on the lively finish.</p> <p>Mike Januik, Winemaker</p>
Vintage	<p>The 2004 Columbia Valley growing season was marked by a hot summer and a cool September, followed by a warm October that finished ripening the grapes late in the season. While the late ripening was tricky for some vineyards carrying a larger-than-average crop load due to a January freeze, those vineyards including ours, that dropped crop early in the season ripened grapes beautifully and the added hang time improved flavor development.</p>
Vineyards	<p>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 for this wine include two family-owned vineyards, our own estate vineyard Stillwater Creek on the Royal Slope of the Frenchman Hills, and the Monson family's Goose Ridge Vineyard adjacent to Red Mountain.</p>
Winemaking	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A combination of punch downs and pumpovers were used to extract color and flavor during the early stages of fermentation• Fermentation was finished in barrels to integrate the fruit and oak• Gravity-racked to soften and clarify the wine• Aged in both new and one-year-old oak barrels 18 months
Blend	<p>49% Cabernet Sauvignon 19% Syrah 16% Malbec 16% Cabernet Franc</p>
Alcohol	14.1%
pH	3.80
Total Acidity	0.52g/100 ml

