



**NOVELTY HILL**

**2005 Novelty Hill Cabernet Sauvignon  
Columbia Valley**

Tasting Notes	<p>Rich and densely packed, this darkly hued beauty is loaded with ripe plum, black cherry and baking spice aromas and flavors that continue across a long, harmonious finish.</p> <p>Mike Januik, Winemaker</p>
Vintage	<p>Without exception, winemakers around the state agree the 2005 vintage was a classic Columbia Valley growing season. Temperatures were warm in July and August, and then the heat backed off just enough in September to ripen fruit without rushing physiological maturity. The resulting wines are notable for their deep color, wonderful aromatics and complex flavors.</p>
Vineyards	<p>The Columbia Valley is a diverse growing region that provides a wide range of fruit expression 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 the winery's estate vineyard Stillwater Creek and such other well-known sites as Alder Ridge and Champoux Vineyards.</p>
Winemaking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A combination of punch downs and pumpovers were used to extract color and flavor during the early stages of fermentation</li><li>• Fermentation was finished in barrels to integrate the fruit and oak</li><li>• Gravity-racked to soften and clarify the wine</li><li>• Aged in both new and one-year-old barrels, predominately French oak for 18 months</li></ul>
Blend	<p>90% Cabernet Sauvignon 5% Merlot 3% Cabernet Franc 2% Malbec</p>
Case Production	4,108
Alcohol	14.1%
pH	3.75
Total Acidity	0.53g/100 ml