



**NOVELTY HILL**

**2007 Novelty Hill Royal Slope Red  
Columbia Valley**

Tasting Notes	<p>Delicious ripe, red raspberry along with black cherry aromas and flavors combine with a hint of warm vanilla and spice. The mid-palate is juicy and full, the finish balanced and lengthy.</p> <p>Mike Januik, Winemaker</p>
Vintage	<p>An unusual spring heat wave just before bloom resulted in smaller-than-average berry size in 2007 adding concentration and flavor to the finished grapes. Good set after bloom, ideal summer growing conditions, and warm fall days and cool nights that ripened grapes slowly and evenly gave winemakers a near-perfect vintage that produced wines with excellent natural acidity and deep, fresh flavor.</p>
Vineyards	<p>Grapes for this delicious wine were sourced primarily from Novelty Hill's family-owned estate vineyard, Stillwater Creek (70%), on the Royal Slope of the Frenchman Hills. Planted on a south-facing slope, it is one of the steepest sites in the Columbia Valley – up to 22% in many parts of the vineyard. First planted in 2000, the vineyard has quickly distinguished itself as one of the most exciting new Columbia Valley sites of the decade.</p>
Winemaking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Twice-daily punch downs and pumpovers gently extracted color and flavor from the grapes during the early stages of fermentation</li><li>• Fermentation finished in barrels to integrate the fruit and oak</li><li>• Gravity racking used to soften and clarify the wine</li><li>• Aged predominately in new and one-year-old French oak barrels for 18 months</li></ul>
Blend	<p>35% Syrah; 26% Merlot; 11% Cabernet Franc; 9% Cabernet Sauvignon; 6% Sangiovese; 6% Mourvèdre; 5% Petit Verdot; 2% Malbec</p>
Alcohol	14.4%
pH	3.70
Total Acidity	0.54 grams/100 mL
Total Production	5,581 cases