



**2007 Novelty Hill Chardonnay,
Stillwater Creek Vineyard
Columbia Valley**

Tasting Notes	<p>Smooth and mouth-filling, this beautifully focused Chardonnay wraps around a lively core of fresh pear and apple aromas and flavors that linger on a rich, harmonious finish.</p> <p><i>Mike Januik, Winemaker</i></p>
Vintage	<p>Due to an unusual spring heat wave just before bloom, berries were smaller-than-average in 2007, adding concentration and flavor to the grapes. Good set after bloom, ideal summer conditions, followed by the Columbia Valley's typical fall weather pattern of warm days and cool nights, ripened grapes slowly and evenly. The resulting wines have excellent natural acidity and deep, intense flavor.</p>
Vineyard	<p>Novelty Hill's estate vineyard, Stillwater Creek, on the Royal Slope of the Frenchman Hills in Washington State's Columbia Valley is notably for its unique soils. Fractured basalt found throughout the vineyard seems to impart an appealing mineral character to Chardonnay planted here. Innovative clonal selection distinguishes the vineyard as well, including Entav clone 95, new to the Columbia Valley.</p>
Winemaking	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Barrel fermented in new and one-year-old French oak• Malolactic fermentation gives the wine a rich, creamy mouth feel• <i>Sur lie</i> aging for nine months integrates the fruit with the oak
Case Production	1,424
Alcohol	13.5%
pH	3.47
Total Acidity	.51