



NOVELTY HILL

**2008 Novelty Hill Viognier
Stillwater Creek Vineyard
Columbia Valley**

Tasting Notes	<p>A classic Washington Viognier, similar in style to the acclaimed 2006 and 2007 vintages both rated 93 pts. by <i>Wine Enthusiast</i>. Balanced and pure with floral, pear and apricot aromas and flavors lingering across a graceful finish.</p> <p><i>Mike Januik, Winemaker</i></p>
Vintage	<p>The 2008 growing season was cooler than usual, delaying veraison by as much as 2-3 weeks but time spent thinning crops and dropping uneven clusters over the summer kept the vines in balance and allowed the grapes to ripen beautifully. Harvest conditions in September and October were picture-perfect, marked by the Columbia Valley's typical warm fall days and cool nights. The resulting wines boast striking flavors and juicy acidity.</p>
Vineyard	<p>Novelty Hill's estate vineyard, Stillwater Creek, is a warm site known for its unique soils filled with fractured basalt similar to soils found in the Rhone Valley. Perhaps this is one reason why this delicate, balanced Viognier is so true to its varietal character.</p>
Winemaking	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Barrel fermented in 100% French oak• Sur lie aged for nine months
Blend	100% Viognier
Case Production	475
Alcohol	13.5%
pH	0.60
Total acidity	3.38