



2009 Novelty Hill Chardonnay
Stillwater Creek Vineyard
Columbia Valley

Tasting Notes	<p>Rich and creamy, this Chardonnay is built around a fresh core of ripe apple, pear and baking spice aromas and flavors. Lush on the palate, with a finish that lingers.</p> <p><i>Mike Januik, Winemaker</i></p>
Vintage	<p>A cool spring delayed bud break by a few weeks, but weather worries quickly subsided with the arrival of a warm, dry June and picture-perfect growing conditions throughout July and August. Fall conditions were equally ideal, with grapes reaching impeccable ripeness at a record pace. By early October, harvest was complete and the reward for a frenetic September was a glorious vintage marked by wines with generous, fruit-forward aromas and flavors and excellent natural acidity.</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 all new French oak• Malolactic fermentation gives the wine a rich, creamy mouth feel• <i>Sur lie</i> aged for nine months to integrate the fruit and oak
Case Production	1,165
Alcohol	13.5%
pH	3.39
Total Acidity	.54