

# NOVELTY HILL

## 2021 GRENACHE, STILLWATER CREEK VINEYARD

### TASTING NOTES

“Our 2021 Grenache is a beautifully aromatic, medium-bodied wine displaying generous notes of wild strawberries and sweet cherries. Fresh and expressive on the palate, with layers of ripe red fruit and silky tannins that echo on a long, satisfying finish.”

- Mike Januik, Winemaker

### VINTAGE

Growers and winemakers will remember the 2021 vintage for outstanding quality grapes that produced age-worthy wines with concentration and balance. In a year marked by low yields, grapes were deeply colored, flavorful, and intensely textured despite extreme summer weather. The season got underway in early April. Warm conditions lasted throughout the spring, then a record heat event in late June and early July sent temperatures soaring. The hot weather persisted throughout the summer, and just when it seemed the heat would never let up, temperatures cooled in late August. The fall weather was made to order, with the Columbia Valley’s typical pattern of warm days and cool nights setting the stage for perfect ripening conditions.

### VINEYARD

Washington Grenache has an enthusiastic following, and the only thing holding it back from all-star status is the limited number of vines planted in the state. Fortunately, Stillwater Creek, Novelty Hill’s Royal Slope estate vineyard, has proven to be an ideal site for this delicious grape. Planted on a steep, south-facing slope with large chunks of fractured basalt throughout the soil, the vineyard produces an exceptional example of this classic Rhone variety.

### WINEMAKING

- Hand-picked and fermented in small lots
- Crushed, de-stemmed, fermented, and gently punched down to extract deep color and flavor without harsh tannins
- Aged 19 months in 35% new French oak, 65% used French oak

<b>AVA</b>	Royal Slope
<b>Blend</b>	100% Grenache
<b>Alcohol</b>	15.8%
<b>pH</b>	3.66
<b>Total Acidity</b>	0.50 g/100 ml
<b>Cases Produced</b>	193

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