



stillwater creek
vineyard

Overview	Stillwater Creek is Novelty Hill's estate vineyard and also supplies grapes to a select group of acclaimed Washington vintners. Located on a steep, south-facing slope in the Frenchman Hills of Washington State's Columbia Valley, the site is best known for its innovative vineyard management and unique selection of premium varietal clones.
Location	Frenchman Hills, Royal City, Washington on the Royal Slope of the Columbia Valley
Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Large amounts of tiny fractured basalt and a steep, south-facing slope (22% in many parts of the vineyard) are ideal for growing premium grapes• Data gathered from the vineyard and from the PAWS station in Royal City confirm the site is ideal for ripening wine grapes. Heat units in a warm year average 3000+; in a cool year 2700+• Historical data confirms the season's first frost typically arrives in late November allowing grapes plenty of hang time• Stillwater Creek is planted with a diverse selection of clones, including both Entav and Rauscedo selections.
Honors & Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• "One of Washington's Top 20 Vineyards" <i>Dec 2010</i> Paul Gregutt, <i>Washington Wines & Wineries: The Essential Guide</i>• "Vineyard of the Year" <i>Seattle Magazine April 2008</i>• First Columbia Valley Vineyard certified "Salmon Safe" by Seattle's Stewardship Partners for environmental practices that help protect water quality and habitat for fish and wildlife, particularly native Northwest salmon, <i>March 2007</i>
Exposure	South-facing
Slope	up to 22% in some parts of the vineyard
Trellising/Spacing	Vertical shoot positioning with moveable catch wires and bilateral cordons -- 8' x 5'
Soil	Sandy to silty loam mixed with fractured basalt
Vineyard Manager	Ed Kelly
Winemaker Advisor	Mike Januik

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First Planted Spring 2000
First Harvest Fall 2002

Acreage Overview Total planted to date: 210 acres
Total suitable for planting: 245 acres
Total property acreage: 315 acres

White/Red by % White 21%
Red 79%

White Varieties 16 acres Chardonnay
44 acres total 4 acres Roussanne
9 acres Sauvignon Blanc
10 acres Semillon
5 acres Viognier

Red Varieties 10 acres Cabernet Franc
166 acres total 53 acres Cabernet Sauvignon
5 acres Grenache
10 acres Malbec
37 acres Merlot
5 acres Mourvèdre
11 acres Petit Verdot
5 acres Sangiovese
30 acres Syrah

Property Purchased June 1968

Clonal selection Entav selections from France:

- Cabernet Sauvignon 4 & 191
- Merlot 348
- Chardonnay 15, 75, 95 & 96
- Syrah 174, 300 & Phelps

Rauscedo Sangiovese selections from Italy:

- VCR 19
- VCR 23

Managing Director Tom Alberg
Owners The Alberg family, originally purchased by Thomas A. Alberg, Sr., in '68.

Proximity by car Stillwater Creek is approximately 30 minutes from The Gorge, home to a nationally-renowned summer concert festival. The vineyard is approximately three hours from Seattle and 1.5 hours from the Tri-Cities.

Other features 4,000' paved air strip
Covered outdoor tasting pavilion with spectacular views

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