



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
Vineyard Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• "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>• 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.
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
Average Heat Units	2700+ (cool year) to 3000+ (warm year)
Vineyard Managers	Jerry Bookwalter, Tom Thorsen with more than 50 years combined experience growing grapes in Washington state.
Winemaker Advisor	Mike Januik
First Planted	Spring 2000
First Harvest	Fall 2002
Total planted to date	210 acres
Total plantable acreage	245 acres
Total property acreage	315 acres

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White Varieties	Chardonnay 16 acres Roussanne 4 acres Sauvignon Blanc 9 acres Semillon 10 acres <u>Viognier</u> <u>5 acres</u> <i>Total White Acreage</i> 44 acres % white varieties 21%
Red Varieties	Cabernet Franc 10 acres Cabernet Sauvignon 53 acres Grenache 5 acres Malbec 10 acres Merlot 37 acres Mourvèdre 5 acres Petit Verdot 11 acres Sangiovese 5 acres <u>Syrah</u> <u>30 acres</u> <i>Total Red Acreage</i> 166 acres % red varieties 79%
Property Purchased	June 1968
Clonal selection	Stillwater Creek is planted with a diverse selection of clones from France including Entav selections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabernet Sauvignon 4 & 191 • Merlot 348 • Chardonnay 15, 75, 95 & 96 • Syrah 174, 300 & Phelps and from Italy including Rauscedo Sangiovese selections VCR 19 and VCR 23.
Owners	The Alberg Family, originally purchased by Thomas A. Alberg, Sr., in 1968.
Managing Director	Tom Alberg
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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