

Helix

2020 sangiovese

ROYAL SLOPE

TASTING NOTES

There's a savory meaty quality at first pour that soon gives way to a soft attar of violet and crushed rose petal, red fruit, roasted tomato, dried herbs, basalt and whiffs of balsamic and light oak. Lively acid pops flavors of sour Bing cherry, red plum, roasted fig and sun-dried tomato making this an excellent red sauce food wine.

THE 2020 VINTAGE

Fears of a swift, frenetic harvest were allayed by moderating temperatures after a hot first week. The cooling offered large grape variety picking windows for the remainder of the protracted harvest. This opportunity meant a late Stillwater Creek Sangiovese harvest, almost matching its latest historical pick date, allowing slow thorough ripening with proper acidity.

THE VINEYARD

Stillwater Creek Vineyard (85%) is a 235-acre site in the Royal Slope AVA. Planted in 2000 on a steep, south-facing slope with one of the most diverse clone selections in Washington State, Stillwater Creek quickly has earned a reputation as one of the Columbia Valley's top vineyards.

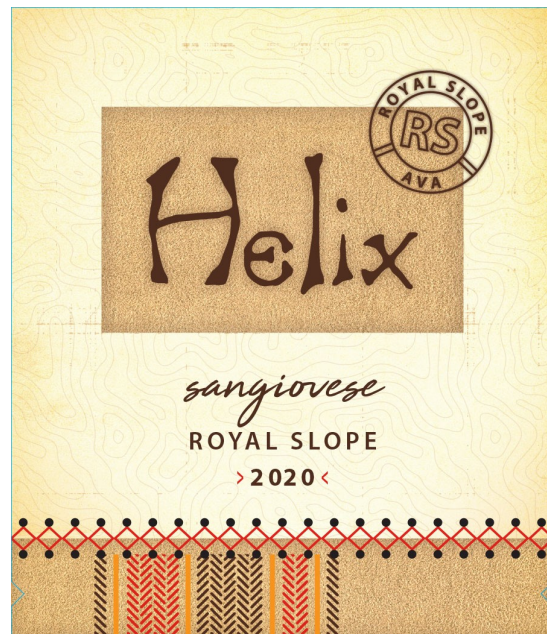
In 2007, Stillwater Creek was the first Columbia Valley vineyard certified "Salmon Safe" by Seattle's Stewardship Partners for environmental practices that help protect water quality and habitat for fish and wildlife, particularly Northwest salmon.

Seven Hills Vineyard (15%) is a 235-acre site located south of Walla Walla between Milton-Freewater and Umapine, Oregon. One of the first commercially planted vineyards in the Walla Walla Valley, Seven Hills dates back to 1982 and is the source of fruit for many wineries across the state and Walla Walla Valley. In 2004, *Wine & Spirit* included Seven Hills in the top ten greatest vineyards in the world.

Seven Hills Vineyard is a member of Vinea, the Winegrowers' Sustainable Trust, and is certified Salmon Safe.

HELIX WINES

Helix Wines are the culmination of a long, storied family history in the Washington and Oregon wine and agriculture industries and a reflection of our family's belief that farming and winemaking is all about discovery. Helix wines are produced by the same family who create REININGER at our Walla Walla Valley winery. Named for a farmstead in Helix, Oregon, where our grandparents met, married, and farmed, Helix is truly a reflection of our family's pioneering background and strong sense of place. Since the first Helix vintage in 2002, our goal is to explore the diverse and unbounded Columbia Valley and to see for ourselves what the Columbia Valley vineyards are capable of producing.



WINE DATA

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| Composition | 100% Sangiovese |
| Vineyard | Stillwater Creek & Seven Hills |
| Cooperage | 90% French, 10% American (7% new oak) |
| Alcohol | 13.8% |
| pH | 3.42 |
| Total Acidity | 6.1 g/L |
| Bottling Date | March 2022 |
| Release Date | April 2022 |
| Case Production | 246 |
| Certifications | Salmon Safe |

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