

Helix

2022 *sangiovese*

COLUMBIA VALLEY

TASTING NOTES

At first pour, there's a sweet cherry cola quality that soon gives way to stewed tomatoes and oregano. Bright acidity pops flavors of pie cherries, sweet tarts and freeze-dried strawberries. Fine, granular tannins linger on the finish with herbaceous notes of sun-dried tomatoes and leather.

THE 2022 VINTAGE

A wet/cold winter, an April snowstorm during bud break, and cool temps through June left the vines in an uneven state and two+ weeks behind. Summer followed with extreme heat delaying development even further, but Mother Nature brought balance back September-October with temperatures above average and allowed for longer and even-ripening. The vintage results are higher yields, incredible flavors, good color, excellent acidity, and lower alcohols.

THE VINEYARD

Stillwater Creek Vineyard 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.

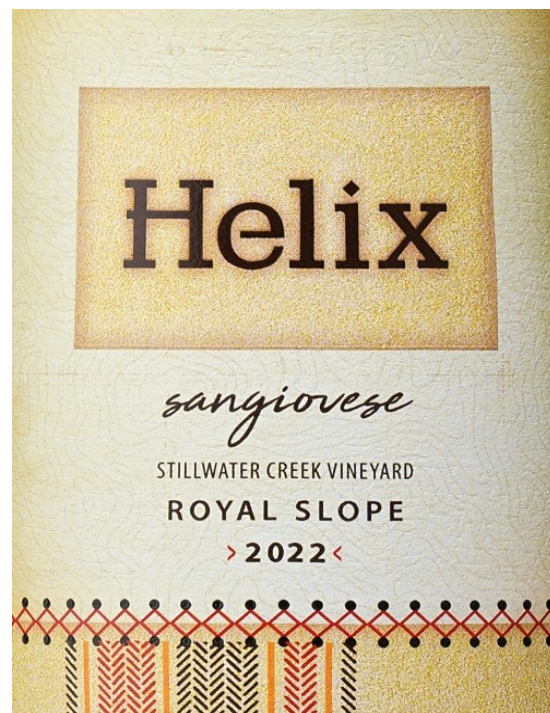
In 2007, Stillwater Creek was the first Columbia Valley vineyard certified "Salmon Safe" by Seattle's Stewardship Partners for environmental practices that help protect water quality and habitat for fish and wildlife, particularly Northwest salmon.

THE AVA

The Columbia Valley is the overarching appellation in Eastern Washington, covering nearly a third of the State and accounting for 99% of Washington's wine grape production. With Helix, we hope to create wines that both represent the region at large and express the distinct flavors of each vineyard.

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

Composition	93% Sangiovese, 7% Cab Sauv
Vineyard	Stillwater Creek
Cooperage	100% neutral French oak
Alcohol	14.1%
pH	3.56
Total Acidity	5.9 g/L
Bottling Date	March 2024
Release Date	May 2024
Case Production	150
Certifications	Salmon Safe

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