

# L'Ecole No 41

## 2007 Columbia Valley Chardonnay Columbia Valley Appellation

### Awards and Acclaims

#### **Wine Spectator**

Score: 90 points

Date Reviewed: February 28, 2009

*"Bright and juicy, offering a lively mouthful of pear, pineapple and lemon peel aromas and flavors that linger on the jazzy finish. Drink now through 2011."* – H.S.

#### **Wine Enthusiast**

Score: 90 points

Date Reviewed: December 1, 2008

*"The aromas are subtle and complex, with nuances of sweet pine and citrus that are usually blown out by warmer sites. About 20% was aged in new oak, but the influence is barely noticeable, as a gentle background, giving light scents of toast and hints of butterscotch. This is the perfect compromise between barrel and tank-style Chardonnay, taking the best of each, as evidenced by the creaminess that underlies the spice and lightly herbal fruit."* – Paul Gregutt

#### **Wine Press Northwest**

Score: Excellent

Date Reviewed: Spring 2009

*"This is a fitting example from this little French school house in Lowden, Wash. Apples and pears with tropical fruit and warm oak set the table for a sip of more tropical flavors and a bit of a Pink Lady apple. It's an easy and beautiful drink with butterscotch in the finish."* – Andy Perdue

#### **Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar**

Score: 89 points

Date Reviewed: November/December 2008

*"Apricot, orange and spices on the nose, along with a leesy nuance. Rather silky in the mouth, with ripe acidity and some minerality perking up the nectarine and floral flavors. This wine, which goes through partial malolactic fermentation, is now moved out of oak and into stainless steel tanks earlier."*

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## NorthWest Wine Summit

Score: Gold Medal

14<sup>th</sup> Annual competition, 2009

*The 2009 NorthWest Wine Summit concluded its 14<sup>th</sup> Annual competition with the selection of the superlative wines in an event that evaluated over 1,000 wines.*

## Seattle Wine Awards – 2009

Score: Silver

Date Reviewed: May 2009

*The Seattle Wine Awards is the most prestigious and comprehensive independent Washington wine recognition program. Seattle's most prominent wine professionals tasted and evaluated Washington wines in a single-blind format and awarded the top wines with Gold, Silver and Bronze – Grand Awards of Excellence. The 2008 Outstanding Washington Wine Awards honor those wines, which by panel consensus were considered outstanding and eligible for the highest recognition of Gold, Silver or Bronze.*

## Wine Advocate

Score: 88 points

Date Reviewed: October 31, 2009

*"The 2007 comes from a cool site. It has toasty pear and apple aromas and flavors, a creamy texture, savory flavors, and some elegance. Drink it over the next 2-3 years." – Jay Miller*

## The Seattle Times

***Old school approach: Always make good wine***

Date Reviewed: August 6, 2008

Score: Highly Recommended

*"...the winery has established an admirable track record, consistently offering well-made, competitively priced wines in a variety of styles....released this summer are these wines, all highly recommended: L'Ecole N° 41 2007 Chardonnay (\$22) – creamy, subtle and complex; just lightly oaked..." – Paul Gregutt*