

L'Ecole No 41

2004 Fries Vineyard Semillon Wahluke Slope, Columbia Valley Appellation

Awards and Acclaims

Wine Advocate

Score: 90 points

Date Reviewed: April 24, 2006

"An outstanding wine, the fairly priced 2004 Semillon Fries Vineyard Wahluke Slope burst from the glass with scents of ripe pears, smoke and tangerines. With aeration (those who decant this beauty will be recompensed), it offers a medium-bodied core of satiny melon, pear, red currant, and tangerine zest flavors. Drink it over the next 3-4 years." – Pierre-Antoine Rovani

Wine Enthusiast

Score: 89 points

Date Reviewed: August 2006

"Not quite up to the ultraripe heights of recent vintages, this is a somewhat lighter version of this Semillon. Fig and light herb are the dominant flavors, augmented with pretty toasty highlights from the barrel fermentation, and lovely textures from the extended lees contact." – Paul Gregutt

Wine Press Northwest

Score: Double Gold

6th Annual Platinum Judging

Date Reviewed: Winter 2006/2007

"This vineyard on the eastern side of the 13-mile-wide Wahluke Slope is run by the Fries family, which also owns Desert Wind and Duck Pond wineries. L'Ecole's Marty Clubb loves the Semillon from this vineyard, and we can see why. It opens with aromas of limes, fresh hay and a fair bit of oak, followed by supple flavors of orchard fruits, a bit of citrus and vanilla. Grilled halibut or lime chicken would pair well with this wine." Northwest Wine Summit (Gold). – Andy Perdue

NorthWest Wine Summit

Score: Gold Medal

11th Annual competition, 2006

The 2006 NorthWest Wine Summit concluded its 11th Annual competition with the selection of the superlative wines in an event that evaluated over 1,000 wines.