

# L'Ecole

No 41

## 2016 Semillon Columbia Valley

### WINEMAKER COMMENT

Few Semillons show their richness and complexity as those produced in Washington State. Our cool harvest nights help to ensure crisp natural acidity, making this a wonderful food pairing wine.

### VINEYARDS

33% Stillwater Creek, 25% Rosebud, 22% Klipsun, 14% Desert Wind, 7% Seven Hills

### VINTAGE

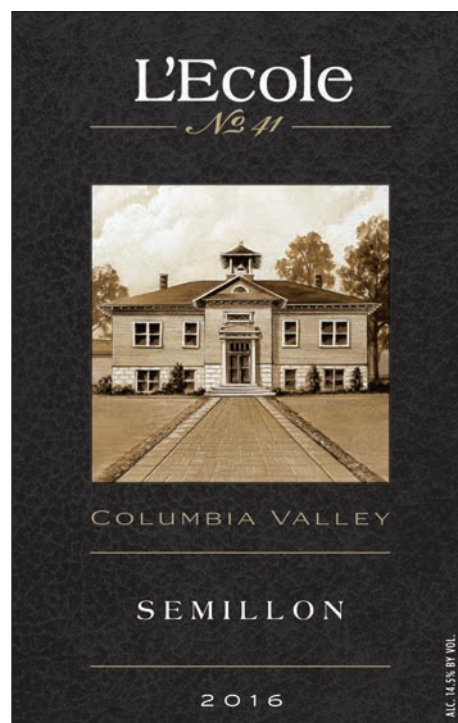
- The 2016 vintage looks like another spectacular and large harvest for Washington State; it started early with a mild winter, hot spring, and early bud break, suggesting another warm year was on the way.
- While cool mid-June, weather was ideal for bloom and fruit set.
- July temperatures were lower than normal, allowing for healthy berry and cluster growth.
- Continued mild weather through August and September stretched the growing season allowing the fruit to ripen gradually and evenly, with lower sugars and higher acidity.
- The longer hang-time produced fantastic balance of flavor and structure in both the white and red varieties.

### WINEMAKING

- Over 30 years of meticulous vineyard management and winemaking experience are fundamental to the quality of our wines and reputation for excellence. We are engaged in growing and making 100% of our wines.
- The grapes were harvested in the cool early morning hours and promptly delivered to the winery for immediate pressing. The fruit was whole-cluster pressed to tank and allowed to settle.
- The juice was then racked off the solids into neutral tight-grained French oak, then barrel fermented and aged for 5 months.

### TASTING NOTES

*Rich with vibrant fruit and balanced acidity, this wine shows pretty orange blossom with layers of fresh lemongrass, yellow apple and ananas melon that expand on a clean finish.*



### HARVEST DATA

Harvest Dates	AUGUST 26, 2016 – OCTOBER 17, 2016
Average Brix	24.0°
Average pH	3.22
Average Acidity	6.6 g/L

### WINE DATA

Composition	86% SEMILLON, 14% SAUVIGNON BLANC
pH	3.24
Total Acidity	6.8 g/L
Alcohol	14.5%
Bottling Date	MAY 26-31, 2017
Release Date	OCTOBER 2017
Case Production	5,145