

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% Estate Seven Hills

VINTAGE

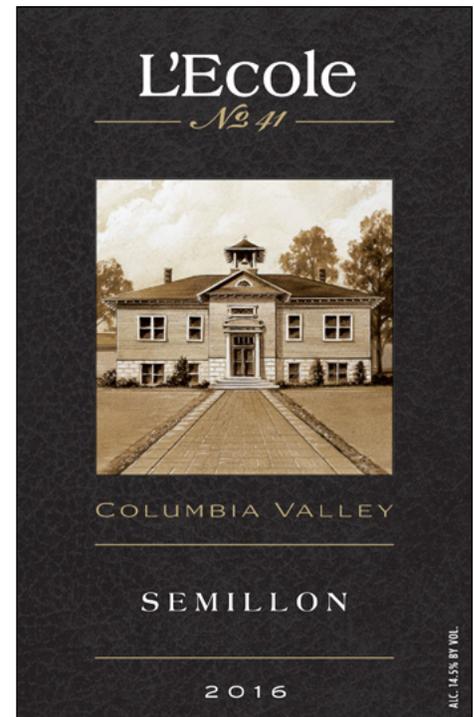
- The 2016 vintage looks like another spectacular and large harvest for Washington State; it started early with a mild winter, hot spring, and early bud break, suggesting another warm year was on the way.
- While cool mid-June, weather was ideal for bloom and fruit set.
- July temperatures were lower 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