

2015 Estate Luminesce

Seven Hills Vineyard · Walla Walla Valley

91 points - Stephen Tanzer, Vinous, November 2016

(Clubb says this wine comes from his only white grapes in a red area; barrel-fermented with 10% new oak; partial malolactic fermentation): Bright pale yellow. Very pure, Sauvignon-dominated aromas of lemon zest, white peach, minerals and crushed stone lifted by high notes of orange blossom and honey. Slightly warm (14.5% alcohol), fat and seamless wine given shape by harmonious acidity.

– Stephen Tanzer

90 points, The Wine Advocate, www.RobertParker.com,
June 2017

“A killer value that comes from the estate Seven Hills Vineyard, the 2015 Walla Walla Valley White (equal parts Semillon and Sauvignon Blanc) from L'Ecole No 41 is clean and crisp, with classic honeyed minerality, citrus and spice aromas and flavors, medium-bodied richness and clean, classy profile on the palate.”

– Jeb Dunnuck

89 points – Wine Enthusiast, February 2017

“Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon share equal parts of this blend. Aromas of corn silk, tropical fruit and herb give way to full-bodied fruit flavors. It shows a hint of warmth on the finish but largely carries it.” – Sean Sullivan

89 points – Wine Spectator, 2017 (web only),
www.winespectator.com

“Lite and crisp, with pear and hay aromas and vibrant flavors. Semillon and Sauvignon Blanc. Drink now. 1,280 cases made.”

– Tim Fish

Outstanding! – Great Northwest Wine, December 2016,
www.greatnorthwestwine.com

“Marty Clubb and Mike Sharon continue to shine with white Bordeaux varieties, whether it be standalone bottlings of Semillon or its iconic Luminesce, a blend of Sauvignon Blanc with Semillon. Their work begins in Oregon at Seven Hills Vineyard, planted in 1981, and continues with several months of surlie aging in tight-grained French oak barrels. Aromas of Lemonhead candy, fresh-dried apricot and almond lead to flavors of lemon, green banana and coconut, backed by pleasing bitterness and refreshing acidity that will lend it deliciously to seafood. The 2014 vintage grabbed gold medals at the Walla Walla Valley Wine Competition and the Seattle Wine Awards, and this latest example is poised for greatness, too.” – Eric Degerman & Andy Perdue

Medals & Competitions

Gold – Seattle Wine Awards, 2017

Gold – Cascadia Wine Competition, 2017