

L'Ecole

No 41

2014 Frenchtown – Red Wine Columbia Valley

WINEMAKER COMMENT

Frenchtown, Walla Walla Valley's first settlement, was founded by French Canadians in the early 1800s. A thriving viticulture and wine making community was established in the Valley by the 1860s. This Frenchtown wine salutes these pioneers. With the highest quality in mind, this blend offers exceptional value for its price.

VINTAGE

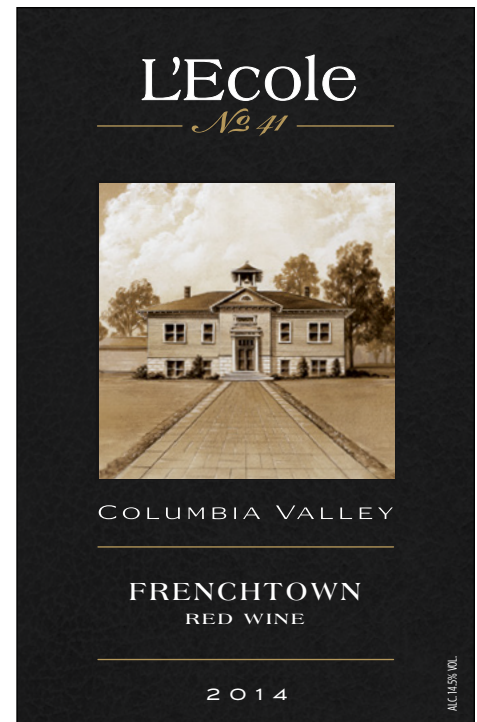
- The 2014 vintage was a repeat of the warm 2013 vintage with heat units nearly identical, and no unusual winter frost, pest, or disease pressure.
- Bud break was early, followed by a warm spring and relatively early bloom. Fruit set was near ideal. Slowing tactics were implemented such as delayed thinning and leafing to delay veraison and ultimately harvest.
- Temperatures cooled mid-August stretching out the hang-time to complete veraison. Berry size and berry count per cluster were slightly up resulting in healthy crop yields.
- Modest fall day-time temperatures and cool nights resulted in a rich and vibrant structure with bold color development. Overall warmer conditions delivered ample sugars and surprisingly strong acids, particularly in our higher elevation sites.

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 wine was aged 9 months in primarily neutral French and American oak barrels, then bottle aged 6 additional months prior to release.

TASTING NOTES

Frenchtown shows aromas of wild berries, fresh plum, black currant and baking spice. The generous fresh fruit flavors stay focused through an integrated finish.



WINE DATA

Composition

70% BORDEAUX	30% RHONE
30% Merlot	24% Syrah
22% Cabernet Sauvignon	3% Grenache
8% Malbec	3% Mourvèdre
7% Cabernet Franc	
3% Petit Verdot	

pH 3.74

Total Acidity 5.4 g/L

Alcohol 14.5%

Bottling Date JULY 7-9, 2015

Release Date NOVEMBER 2015

Case Production 5,000