

L'Ecole

No. 41

2016 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

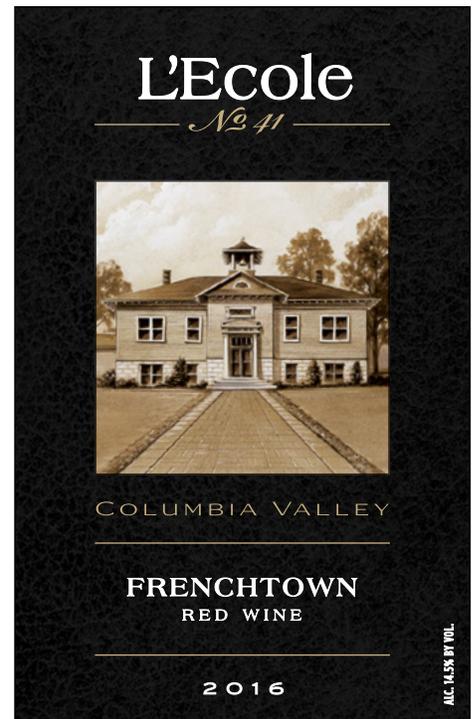
- The 2016 vintage looks like another spectacular and large harvest for Washington State; it started early with a mild winter, hot spring, and early bud break, suggesting another warm year was on the way.
- While cool mid-June, weather was ideal for bloom and fruit set.
- July temperatures were lower 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 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, red cherry, black currant, and spice. The generous, fresh fruit flavors remain focused through an integrated finish.



WINE DATA

Composition

77% BORDEAUX	23% RHONE
41% Merlot	14% Syrah
28% Cabernet Sauvignon	9% Grenache
5% Malbec	
3% Cabernet Franc	

pH 3.65

Total Acidity 6.5 g/L

Alcohol 14.5%

Bottling Date MAY 23-24, 2017

Release Date JUNE 2018

Case Production 5,185