

2017 Chenin Blanc Columbia Valley

91 points, Best Buy – Wine Enthusiast, www.winemag.com
October 2018

“Old-vine Chenin Blanc is becoming increasingly rare in the state as vines are pulled out or replant more profitable varieties. What a shame. The aromas here offer notes of freshly sliced pear, cantaloupe, banana, melon rind and papaya. The bone-dry palate brings an abundant tropical-fruit flavor and a strong sense of acidity. It lingers on the finish.” – Sean Sullivan

Outstanding! - Great Northwest Wine,
www.greatnorthwestwine.com, July 2018

“While some have fled the Chenin Blanc market, owner/managing winemaker Marty Clubb and L'Ecole No. 41 remain dedicated to the Vouvray style of this variety that's native to the Loire Valley since 1987. A couple of decades ago, Chenin in Washington often would be presented as off-dry, but Clubb and his winemaker, Mike Sharon, keep theirs floral, bright and succulent with sensations and textures of lemon curd and honeydew melon that are backed by Meyer lemon acidity. And the “old vines” are some of the state's oldest — Phil Church, Rothrock and Upland, each planted in the late 1970s in the Yakima Valley. Enjoy with ceviche, Gruyère or Asian fare. — Andy Perdue and Eric Degerman

Medals & Competitions

Double Gold – Washington State Wine Competition, 2018

Silver – Bellingham Northwest Wine Festival, 2018