

# L'Ecole

No 41

## 2016 Syrah Columbia Valley

### WINEMAKER COMMENT

The growing region in Washington State is ideally suited to maximize the full expression of Syrah. Spicy, rich and complex, with soft tannins and bright acidity, our Columbia Valley Syrah is the perfect food pairing wine.

### VINEYARDS

Candy Mountain, Stone Tree, Estate Seven Hills, Bacchus, Summitview

### VINTAGE

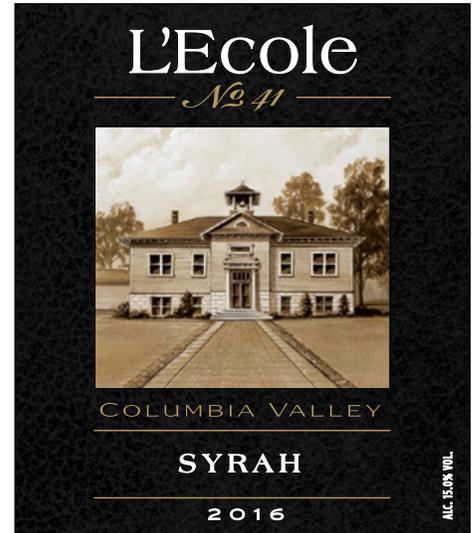
- The 2016 vintage looks like another spectacular and large harvest for Washington State; it started early with a mild winter, hot spring, and early bud break, suggesting another warm year was on the way.
- Moderate June weather was ideal for bloom and fruit set.
- July temperatures were lower than normal, 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.
- Each lot was hand harvested ripe and gently crushed into 1.5 ton stainless steel fermenters.
- Gentle handling of the fruit through hand punch downs and gravity assisted movements were utilized throughout the entire winemaking process.
- The wine was cleanly racked to 100% small oak barrels, mostly neutral, with four rackings over 18 months.

### TASTING NOTES

*Dark, robust and spicy this full bodied Syrah shows rich flavors of black & blue berries, peppercorn, and licorice through an earthy finish*



### HARVEST DATA

Harvest Dates	AUGUST 29 – OCTOBER 10, 2016
Average Brix	24.8°
Average pH	3.42
Average Acidity	5.59 g/L

### WINE DATA

Composition	78% SYRAH, 20% GRENACHE, 2% MOURVEDRE
pH	3.64
Total Acidity	6.5 g/L
Alcohol	15.0%
Bottling Date	FEBRUARY 15-16, 2018
Release Date	JUNE 2018
Case Production	3,010