

## 2016 Estate Ferguson

Ferguson Vineyard · Walla Walla Valley

**95 points** – Jeb Dunnuck, [www.JebDunnuck.com](http://www.JebDunnuck.com),  
April 2019

*“Incorporating the most Cabernet Sauvignon of the three top tier releases, the 2016 Estate Ferguson Ferguson Vineyard is 62% Cabernet Sauvignon, 26% Merlot, and the balance Cabernet Franc and Malbec, all aged in 50% new barrels. It's a full-bodied, powerful wine that has a distinct salinity and a marine-like note in its red and black fruits, spice, crushed rocks, and cedar aromas and flavors. Full-bodied, concentrated, and structured, it nevertheless has the charming, balanced, layered style of the vintage front and center. It too has good acidity and is going to benefit from 3-4 years of bottle age.”* – Jeb Dunnuck

**94 points** – Wine & Spirits, [www.wineandspirits.com](http://www.wineandspirits.com),  
June 2019

*“A blend of cabernet, merlot, Malbec and cabernet franc, this feels as firm and vertical as an edifice – or the basalt bedrock upon which Ferguson Vineyard is planted, in the hilltop Sevein project. It starts out shy and reserved, combining modest vanilla-oak scents with warm plums and a distant leafiness. As it takes on air, the flavors start to crowd the glass, compressed and powerful. This is years from its peak, built to last two decades or more.”* – Patrick J. Comiskey

**94 points**, Washington Wine Blog,  
[www.washingtonwineblog.com](http://www.washingtonwineblog.com), April 2019

*“This outstanding new release is a silky blend of 62% Cabernet Sauvignon with 26% merlot and the reminder Cabernet Franc and Malbec. On the nose this takes on dark fruits with sagebrush and red bell pepper with coffee ground undertones. Black fruits and chocolate. With roasted dates line the distinguished palate. Showing tremendous freshness and energy, this wine needs another year or two in the cellar to be fully expressive. Drink 2020-2035”* – O. Bargreen

**91 points, Cellar Selection**, Wine Enthusiast,  
[www.winemag.com](http://www.winemag.com), July 2019

*“Cabernet Sauvignon (62%) and Merlot (26%) make up the majority of this wine, with the rest equal parts Cabernet Franc and Malbec. The aromas of bittersweet chocolate, herb, dusty earth, graphite, vanilla and cherry show delineation and appeal on the nose. The palate brings a mouthful of restrained fruit flavors, with firm, puckering tannins backing them up. A mouth-watering finish displays a mix of red and black fruit. Best after 2023, with a long life beyond that.”* – Sean Sullivan

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