

# L'Ecole

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ESTATE WALLA WALLA WINES

THE VINEYARD COLLECTION

## 2015 Estate Ferguson – Ferguson Vineyard

**2015 RATING:** 95 JD, 94 JS, 93 WE BEST BUY, 93 V, 92 W&S

**2014 RATING:** 95 WA, 93+ V, 92 WE, 91 W&S

**AVA:** Walla Walla Valley

**VARIETY:** 56% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Franc, 7% Malbec

**PRODUCED:** 1,275 cases



Ferguson is one of the highest elevation vineyards in the Walla Walla Valley reflecting a unique geological profile. The vines, planted on a ridge of ancient lava flows, are rooted in fractured basalt giving this complex blend its bold dark fruit, immense structure and dense minerality. Our inaugural 2011 vintage of Ferguson was awarded Best Bordeaux Blend in the World at the 2014 *Decanter World Wine Awards* in London!

*Ferguson* is named in honor of our founders Baker and Jean Ferguson.

## 2015 Estate Perigee – Seven Hills Vineyard

**2015 RATING:** 94 JD, 93 JS, 92+ V, 91 WE, 91 W&S

**2014 RATING:** 95 D, 94 WA, 93 V, 92 WE, 90 WS

**AVA:** Walla Walla Valley

**VARIETY:** 56% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Merlot, 14% Cabernet Franc, 7% Petit Verdot, 7% Malbec

**PRODUCED:** 1,425 cases



Perigee captures the essence of Seven Hills Vineyard's characteristic rich elegance, seductive aromas and earthy structure. Planted in the wind-blown loess of geologically young, mineral rich soil, we hand-select our oldest and most distinguished blocks to produce this stunning, flagship wine. Seven Hills Vineyard is one of Walla Walla Valley's most acclaimed vineyards.

**Proprietary Name:** *Perigee* is the closest point to the earth in the moon's orbit.

## 2015 Apogee – Pepper Bridge Vineyard

**2015 RATING:** 94 JD, 93 WA, 93 JS, 92 V, 90 WE

**2014 RATING:** 94 WA, 94 V, 93 D, 92 W&S, 90 WE

**AVA:** Walla Walla Valley

**VARIETY:** 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot, 10% Malbec, 5% Cabernet Franc

**PRODUCED:** 1,155 cases



Pepper Bridge Vineyard is planted in the terraced remnants of ice age flood deposits. Apogee represents our best effort to portray this vineyard's distinctive and characteristic spicy aromas, dark fruit flavors, robust tannins and rich structure. In 1993, L'Ecole was the first winery to produce a wine, Apogee, from this highly reputable Walla Walla Valley vineyard.

**Proprietary Name:** *Apogee* is the point in the orbit of the moon that is the greatest distance from the earth; the farthest point or apex.

## 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon – Walla Walla Valley

**2015 RATING:** 93 JS, 91+ V, 91 JD

**2014 RATING:** 91 WE, 91 W&S, 90+ V, 90 D, 90 WA, 90 WS

**AVA:** Walla Walla Valley

**VARIETY:** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

**PRODUCED:** 2,295 cases



This wine is a blend of seven esteemed Walla Walla vineyard sites representing four unique soil types, with the majority of the fruit coming from our Estate Ferguson and Seven Hills Vineyards. This diversity results in added complexity, richness and balance reflective of the vineyards themselves. Its old world structure, dense, dark fruit flavors and elegant tannins exemplify the best of Walla Walla Valley.

**KEY VINEYARDS:** Estate Seven Hills, Summit View, Pepper Bridge, Loess, Estate Ferguson

## 2017 Estate Luminesce – Seven Hills Vineyard

**2017 RATING:** 90 WE EDITORS CHOICE, 90 V

**2016 RATING:** 91 WA, 90 WE, 90 JD, 89 V

**AVA:** Walla Walla Valley

**VARIETY:** 54% Semillon, 46% Sauvignon Blanc

**PRODUCED:** 1,380 cases



L'Ecole N<sup>o</sup> 41 is recognized as one of the premier producers of Semillon in the U.S and the site specific terroir of our Estate Seven Hills Vineyard is evident in this white Bordeaux blend. The Semillon provides lush tones of white peach & tropical fruit while the Sauvignon Blanc broadens the flavor and texture, elevating the crisp, floral and flinty side of the wine.

## 2015 Estate Merlot – Walla Walla Valley

**2015 RATING:** 93 JS, 91 JD, 91 V, 90+ WA

**2014 RATING:** 90+ V, 90 WA, 90 W&S

**AVA:** Walla Walla Valley

**VARIETY:** 80% Merlot, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc

**PRODUCED:** 1,105 cases



L'Ecole N<sup>o</sup> 41 is recognized as one of Washington State's top producers of premium Merlot and this estate vineyard blend represents our best. The elegance and old world structure of Seven Hills Vineyard (40%) adds complexity to the earthiness and minerality of the basalt soil from Ferguson (60%).

**LIMITED AVAILABILITY**

## 2015 Estate Syrah – Seven Hills Vineyard

**2015 RATING:** 93 JS, 92 JD, 92 V, 90 WA, 90 WE, 90 WS

**2014 RATING:** 91+ WA, 91 V, 90 WE

**AVA:** Walla Walla Valley

**VARIETY:** 100% Syrah

**PRODUCED:** 980 cases



Seven Hills Vineyard's wind deposited loess soils are ideally suited to maximize the varietal characteristics of Syrah. Crafted from some of the earliest Walla Walla Valley plantings, our Estate Syrah manifests old world attributes of earth, spice and game in combination with the new world profile of bold, expressive and concentrated fruit.

**LIMITED AVAILABILITY**

WE=Wine Enthusiast, WA=Wine Advocate, WS=Wine Spectator, V=Vinous, W&S=Wine & Spirits, D=Decanter Magazine, JS=JamesSuckling.com, JD=Jeb Dunnuck

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## HERITAGE WINES FROM SELECT VINEYARDS

### 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon

**2015 RATING:** 91 W&S BEST BUY, 91 WS, 90 JS, 90+ V, 90 WA

**2014 RATING:** 91 V, 89 WA, 89 WE

**AVA:** Columbia Valley

**VARIETY:** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

**PRODUCED:** 6,665 cases



A key contributing factor to L'Ecole's reliable excellence of wines is its history of working with a broad palate of some of the oldest, most proven vineyards in Washington State. Access to fruit of the highest quality and an average vine age of more than 20 years, this wine shows a classic Cabernet Sauvignon profile of dark expressive fruit, firm structure and integrated tannins.

**KEY VINEYARDS:** Bacchus & Dionysus, Pepper Bridge, Summit View, Klipsun, Alder Ridge, Estate Ferguson, Candy Mountain, Va Piano, Estate Seven Hills, Stone Tree, Yellow Jacket

### 2015 Merlot

**2015 RATING:** 92 JS, 90 W&S BEST BUY, 89 WS, 89 WA, 89 V

**2014 RATING:** 89 WA, 89 WS, 89 WE, 89 V

**AVA:** Columbia Valley

**VARIETY:** 80% Merlot, 13% Cabernet Franc, 5% Malbec, 2% Petit Verdot

**PRODUCED:** 5,170 cases



Eastern Washington's long, warm summer days, cool nights, lack of rainfall and geologically young, mineral rich soils provide the perfect conditions for growing world class Merlot. L'Ecole is recognized as one of Washington State's top producers of premium merlot, expressed in this wine's great structure, color and balanced acidity.

**KEY VINEYARDS:** Estate Seven Hills, Bacchus & Dionysus, Estate Ferguson, Candy Mountain, Klipsun, Stone Tree, Pepper Bridge Weinbau, Summit View

### 2016 Syrah

**2016 RATING:** 90 W&S, 89 WS

**2015 RATING:** 91 V, 91 JS, 91 JD, 91 WA, 90 WE

**AVA:** Columbia Valley

**VARIETY:** 78% Syrah, 20% Grenache,  
2% Mourvèdre

**PRODUCED:** 3,010 cases



Washington State's climate and soil is ideally suited to maximize the varietal characteristics of Syrah. The addition of Grenache adds beautiful aromatics and spice to the wine. Rich, spicy and complex, with fine tannins and bright acidity, our Columbia Valley Syrah is the perfect food pairing wine.

**KEY VINEYARDS:** Candy Mountain, Stone Tree, Estate Seven Hills, Bacchus, Summit View

### 2016 Frenchtown

**2016 RATING:** 91 W&S

**2015 RATING:** 91 JS, 88 WE, 88 V, 88 WA, 88 JD

**AVA:** Columbia Valley

**VARIETY:** **77% BORDEAUX** –  
41% Merlot, 28% Cabernet Sauvignon,  
5% Malbec, 3% Cabernet Franc

**23% RHONE** –  
14% Syrah, 9% Grenache

**PRODUCED:** 5,185 cases



Fruit is sourced from some of Washington's most esteemed vineyards, hand harvested and fermented in small lots to provide the consistent premium quality synonymous with L'Ecole. With the highest quality in mind this wine offers exceptional value.

### 2017 Grenache Rosé – Alder Ridge Vineyard

**2017 RATING:** 89 WS, 88 WE

**2016 RATING:** 88 V

**AVA:** Horse Heaven Hills

**VARIETY:** 100% Grenache

**PRODUCED:** 850 cases



The Grenache grown on this south-facing bench overlooking the Columbia River in the Horse Heaven Hills is grown for Rosé. Whole cluster pressed, this refreshing, dry-style Rosé is a beautiful Provencal pale. Crisp, clean and expressive, this Rosé is an exciting addition to L'Ecole's acclaimed lineup of wines.

### 2016 Semillon

**2016 RATING:** 89 JD, 88 V, 88 WE, 88 JS

**2015 RATING:** 89 WA, 89 V, 89 W&S, 89 WE, 88 WS

**AVA:** Columbia Valley

**VARIETY:** 86% Semillon, 14% Sauvignon Blanc

**PRODUCED:** 5,145 cases



L'Ecole is recognized internationally as a leading producer of this unique varietal. Few Semillons show their richness and complexity as those produced in Washington State. Perfectly suited to the climate, Semillon excels in physiological ripeness under our cool, acid preserving harvest nights. This beautifully balanced, barrel-fermented Semillon displays brilliant color and flavor intensity.

**KEY VINEYARDS:** Stillwater Creek, Rosebud, Klipsun, Desert Wind, Estate Seven Hills

### 2017 Chenin Blanc Old Vines

**2017 RATING:** 91 WE BEST BUY #29 TOP 100, 90 V

**2016 RATING:** 91 JS, 91 WA, 91 V,  
90 WE BEST BUY, 89 JD, 88 WS

**AVA:** Columbia Valley

**VARIETY:** 100% Chenin Blanc

**PRODUCED:** 3,900 cases



L'Ecole has produced this Vouvray inspired Old Vine Chenin Blanc since 1987 and we are one of just a handful of Washington producers to focus on this versatile and captivating varietal. Sourced from some of the oldest Chenin Blanc vineyards in the State, this wine's abundant aromatics, vibrant flavors and mineral notes are beautifully balanced with crisp acidity.

**KEY VINEYARDS:** Upland, Rothrock, Phil Church

### 2017 Chardonnay

**2017 RATING:** 89 V, 88 WE

**2016 RATING:** 91 WE, 89 JD, 88 V, 88 WS, 88 JS

**AVA:** Columbia Valley

**VARIETY:** 100% Chardonnay

**PRODUCED:** 5,360 cases



Washington State's primary growing region lies between 46 and 47 degrees latitude and Chardonnay thrives in these cooler climate northern growing areas. The hallmark of our winemaking philosophy with this Chardonnay is one of balance, through the restrained use of oak. This wine exhibits beautifully expressive and layered fruit with the elegant structure and texture to match the invigorating backbone of acidity.

**KEY VINEYARDS:** Schmitt, Evergreen, Oasis

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