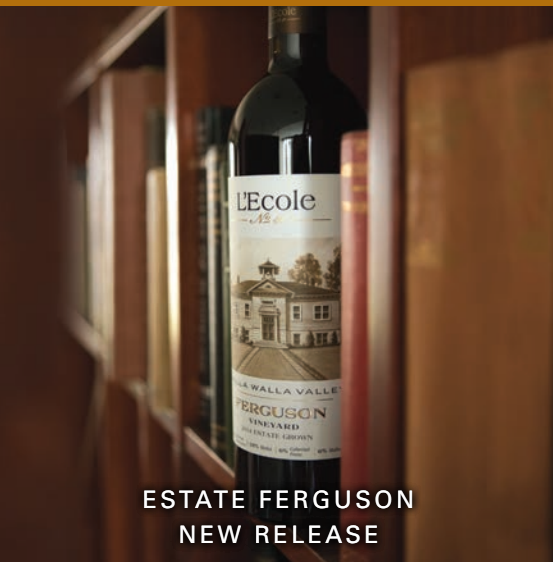


L'Ecole *News*



SCHOOL NEWS FROM L'ECOLE N° 41

SPRING-SUMMER 2019



ESTATE FERGUSON
NEW RELEASE

Spring marks the release of our flagship single vineyard wine, Ferguson. The exceptional 2016 vintage will not disappoint with its unique flavor profile, distinctly influenced by the volcanic basalt soil of Ferguson Vineyard.

Our first ever "Estate Ferguson Pre-Sell Offering" was a success, allowing us to offer special 2016 vintage access to discerning customers during the month of February.

Already a remarkable track record!

**2011 Ferguson (inaugural vintage) named
Best Bordeaux Blend in the World by
Decanter World Wine Awards**

Wine Enthusiast	Wine Advocate	Tanzer/Vinous
12v 92pts	12v 95pts	12v 93+pts
13v 92pts	13v 94pts	13v 93+pts
14v 92pts	14v 95pts	14v 93+pts
15v 93pts		15v 93pts

2016 vintage scores expected summer 2019

Marty's Notebook

The Walla Walla Valley has a big milestone to celebrate in 2019 – our 35th Anniversary as a recognized American Viticultural Appellation (AVA). Rick Small from Woodward Canyon championed the application in 1984, I believe with a little help from Megan's father, our very own Baker Ferguson, then in our second year of making wine. L'Ecole N° 41 has received many accolades over the years for great wines, but at the end of 2018 we received an honor for being a great business. We were the small firm recipient of Seattle Business Magazine's 2018 Family Business of the Year award, a testament to our 35 year success of growing our business, serving our community, and delivering exceptional customer service. It also reflects on the values of our founders Jean and Baker Ferguson who started L'Ecole on a foundation of reliability, integrity, and authenticity, attributes we still adhere to today.



Marty Clubb

We are just beginning to do our initial blending trials with the 2018 red wines, and one thing stands out: quality! We are really excited by the rich structure, fruitfulness, and overall balance exhibited by virtually all of our 2018 lots. This April, we release our newest 2016 vintage of Ferguson, our Cabernet Sauvignon dominant Bordeaux blend from our Estate Ferguson Vineyard. Planted in fractured volcanic basalt at nearly 1,500 foot elevation, this robust densely textured blend is showing its muscle, incredible quality, and unique terroir. This year, we will expand the vineyard by an additional 12 acres, bringing our total planted acreage to 42. While most of the site is planted with selected clones of Bordeaux varietals, we are venturing into Rhone varietals, with plantings of Syrah, Grenache, and a small amount of Mourvèdre.



Celebrating Seattle Business Magazine's 2018 Family Business of the Year award December 2018

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Heritage Wines

FROM SELECT VINEYARDS

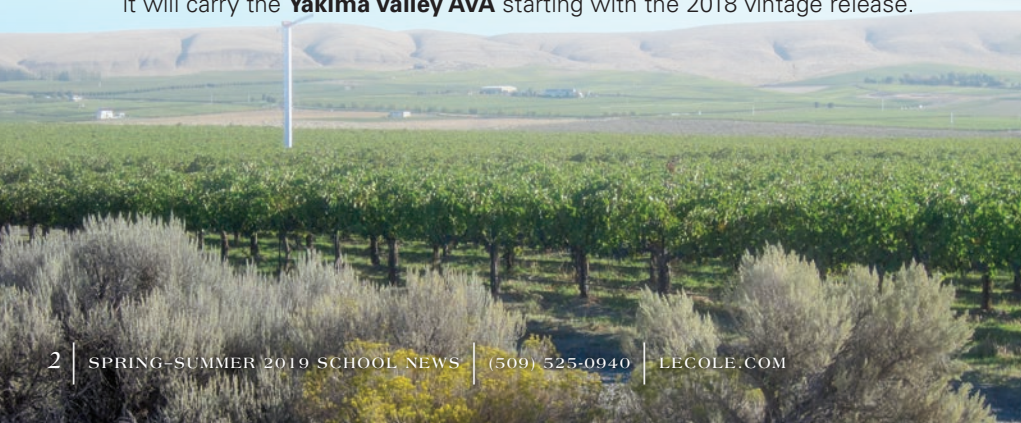
Our Heritage Wines are produced with fruit from some of the oldest, most proven vineyards of Washington State. While many of these wines technically carry the **Columbia Valley AVA**, they boast the pedigree of grapes from renowned vineyards. L'Ecole has worked with some of the oldest plantings at one of these vineyards, Klipsun, since 1998, with the 2018 harvest marking our 20th year.

Heritage Wines "Case Study": KLIPSUN VINEYARD

✓ Klipsun means "sunset" in the indigenous Chinook language	✓ Irrigation: drip
✓ AVA: Red Mountain	✓ Training: Modified Washington Sprawl
✓ Planted Acres: 120	✓ Pruning: spur, vertical shoot
✓ Year Planted: 1984	✓ Microclimate: breezy, warm, dry
✓ Varieties Planted: Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Syrah, Malbec, Nebbiolo, Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon	✓ Wine Characteristics: tannins, jamminess, plum, ripeness, power, concentration, structure
✓ Geology / Soil: silty sand and shallow Hezel and Warden soils	✓ Accolade: Named as one of the Top 25 Vineyards in the World by <i>Wine & Spirits Magazine</i> (2003)
✓ Elevation: 600 feet	✓ Other buyers of Klipsun fruit: Quilceda Creek, Col Solare, Betz Family, Andrew Will, DeLille, among others
✓ Slope: SW-facing gentle slope	

While small production Klipsun wines are occasionally crafted for release to our Club members as single vineyard wines, L'Ecole's Heritage Semillon, Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon all include a share of Klipsun fruit.

Another L'Ecole Heritage Wine, our **Old Vines Chenin Blanc** has been consistently produced with fruit from four 40+ year old vineyards in the Yakima Valley. In recognition of the pedigree of this wine, it will carry the **Yakima Valley AVA** starting with the 2018 vintage release.



Field Trip Permission Slip

Open daily 10am-5pm



"Great Wines, Great Owners"

👍👍👍👍👍 "... worth the trip. These were among the very best wines I had all weekend in Walla Walla, and L'Ecole was by far my favorite winery I visited. L'Ecole gets a high recommendation from me!

Moviegal226, Las Vegas, NV



★★★★★ Great experience with friendly folks working. The school house takes you back in time which was a wonderful part of the experience. Our group of 4 highly recommend the Apogee. I will definitely come by again for a tasting.

1/14/19 B.C., Redmond, OR



★★★★★ A classic. One of the pioneers of the Walla Walla wine industry. Might be the only one who produces Chenin Blanc and it was perfection. Fun to go downstairs and explore the old school building too. Absolutely love this producer.

Nadya Setyoyudo



FEATURED

NEW RELEASES

2018 Grenache Rosé Alder Ridge Vineyard, Horse Heaven Hills

100% Grenache

1,040 cases **\$21**

This fresh Grenache Rosé shows crisp floral aromatics of rose petal, melon, and orange blossom. Flavors of tangerine, strawberry, and pomegranate enhance the lengthy dry finish.



2014 Cabernet Sauvignon Estate Ferguson Vineyard, Walla Walla Valley

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

320 cases **\$64**

Complex aromas of dark fruit, espresso grounds, savory herbs, and dried roses, underpinned by iron and graphite minerality. Rich stone-laced tannins and natural acidity to a robust, powerful finish.



We held this back from release to allow extra bottling age, and we encourage you to do the same!

2016 Cabernet Franc Estate Seven Hills Vineyard, Walla Walla Valley

100% Cabernet Franc

250 cases **\$39**

Our Estate Cabernet Franc, rich garnet in color, opens with intriguing aromas of dark fruit layered with violet, pink peppercorn, and clove. Beautifully balanced, it shows notes of cocoa, blueberry, plum, and orange peel leading to a savory dried herb finish.



FAST Facts

283

Number of non-profit & charitable organizations which L'Ecole supported during 2018

5,000+

Miles driven by Marty for grape sampling during the 2018 harvest

24,850

Estimated visitors to our Schoolhouse Tasting Room during 2018

90

Number of lots of 2018 vintage wine in the cellar post-harvest

7

Vineyards from which grapes for our Heritage Collection 2016 Merlot is sourced: Ferguson, Dionysus, Candy Mountain, Klipsun, Pepper Bridge, Seven Hills, Weinbau

On the CHALKBOARD Passing Grades

A sampling of some of our recent great press...

WINE ENTHUSIAST

90 pts 2017 Semillon "Best Buy"
90 pts 2017 Luminesce
Estate Seven Hills Vineyard
"Editor's Choice"

JAMES SUCKLING

93 pts 2015 Apogee
Pepper Bridge Vineyard
93 pts 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon
Walla Walla Valley

WINE SPECTATOR

91 pts 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon
90 pts 2017 Luminesce
Estate Seven Hills Vineyard

WINE ADVOCATE

90+ pts 2015 Merlot Estate
Walla Walla Valley

VINOUS

90 pts 2017 Chardonnay
Evergreen Vineyard
91+ pts 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon
Walla Walla Valley

WINE & SPIRITS

91 pts 2016 Frenchtown
90 pts 2016 Syrah "Year's Best"

JEB DUNNUCK

94 pts 2015 Apogee
Pepper Bridge Vineyard
94 pts 2015 Perigee
Estate Seven Hills Vineyard
91 pts 2015 Merlot Estate
Walla Walla Valley

DR. OWEN BARGREEN

92 pts 2017 Chardonnay
Evergreen Vineyard
92 pts 2017 Semillon (#29 of Top 10)

A+ We achieved 56
90+ point reviews
in major publications
for our current
releases!



L'Ecole News



JOIN US!
RHONE RIVER CRUISE

APRIL 16-23, 2020

Join Marty & Megan aboard the AMACELLO for the cultural and wine experience of a lifetime!



HOSTED BY
MARTIN & MEGAN
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L'Ecole Wines Included Onboard:

Two Bottles in Each
Stateroom Upon Arrival

Welcome Aboard
Reception

Three Wine Seminars

Three Wine/Food Pairing
Dinners



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Vins de L'Ecole

Vous êtes invité!

Becoming a member of **Vins de L'Ecole Wine Club** is the best way to experience all L'Ecole has to offer!

Membership benefits include:

- Choice of type and level of membership
- Access to stunning small-lot winery exclusive wines
- Discounts on all wine purchases and merchandise
- Full case flat-rate ground shipping or ground shipping included
- Invitations to memorable Vins de L'Ecole events
- Complimentary tasting at the historic Schoolhouse winery
- Much more!

Details at lecole.com/wine-clubs or call (509) 525-0940



ENJOY
THESE PHOTOS
FROM PAST
EVENTS.

UPCOMING 2019 EVENTS

Information and reservations can be found on our Event Calendar at lecole.com

May 3-5 | Spring Release Weekend

May 3 | WWW Vineyard Terroir Tasting:
Ferguson, Perigee, & Apogee

May 3 | Vins de L'Ecole Spring
Release Weekend Kick-off

June 13-15 | Celebrate WWW Wine:
The World of Cabernet Sauvignon

July 21 | Vintage Spokane

Sept. 13 | Harvest Party

Nov. 1-3 | Fall Release Weekend

Nov. 1 | Vins de L'Ecole
Release Party

Dec. 6-8 | Holiday Barrel
Tasting Weekend