

L'Ecole

No 41

2015 Cabernet Sauvignon Columbia Valley

WINEMAKER COMMENT

For over 30 years, L'Ecole has built long term partnerships with the oldest and most proven vineyards, providing access to some of the best fruit in the Columbia Valley. With average vine age of more than 20 years, this wine shows a classic Cabernet Sauvignon profile of firm structure, integrated tannins and dark expressive fruit.

KEY VINEYARDS

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

VINTAGE

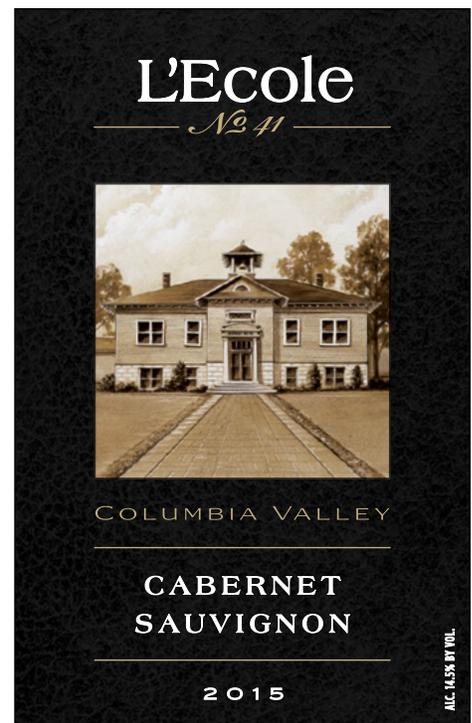
- The 2015 vintage in Washington is now the warmest vintage on record.
- Bud break was two or three weeks early. That set a pattern for the year with flowering, fruit set, Veraison, and harvest occurring similarly early.
- An unusual number of excessive heat days in July (over 95 F) resulted in some vine shut down and early exposure to sunburn. Proper irrigation and canopy management were critical to ensure vine health and quality fruit health during the unusually hot July.
- Mid-August temperatures moderated with cooler nights stimulating color and structure development. Classically moderate fall temperatures kicked in extending hang-time.
- Vines adapted to the three year warm cycle, delivering the earliest harvest on record with lower yields due to smaller berries, higher sugars and lower acids, yet deeply colored structured reds with exciting potential.

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 and 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, 25% new, with five rackings over 22 months.

TASTING NOTES

With its classic varietal Cabernet profile, this focused and integrated wine shows layers of dark fruit, espresso, violet and herbal notes. Layers of plum, blackberry and cassis mingle with dusty, fine tannins through a balanced finish.



HARVEST DATA

Harvest Dates	SEPTEMBER 14- OCTOBER 16, 2015
Average Brix	26.1°
Average pH	3.44
Average Acidity	5.9 g/L

WINE DATA

Composition	100% CABERNET SAUVIGNON
pH	3.73
Total Acidity	6.6
Alcohol	14.5%
Bottling Date	JULY 5-7, 2017
Release Date	JUNE 2018
Case Production	6,665