

2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Walla Walla Valley

94 points, Jeb Dunnuck, www.JebDunnuck.com,
April 2019

"Deeper ruby/purple-colored, the 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Walla Walla Valley is a solid step up in quality, yielding classic notes of crème de cassis, graphite, tobacco, chocolate, and cedary spice. It's deep, medium to full-bodied, beautifully textured, and has a great finish. Put this in a blind tasting with the top Cabernets from Washington and see where it comes out!" – Jeb Dunnuck

93 points, James Suckling, www.JamesSuckling.com,
July 2019

"There's a very assertive, mulberry and cedary-oak fusion in this structured and very youthful cabernet. The tannins clasp the finish tight and hold the fruit flavors long. Give this a few years to unfurl. Try from 2023." – James Suckling

92 points, Washington Wine Blog,
www.WashingtonWineBlog.com,
October 2019

"The 2016 'Walla Walla Valley' Cabernet Sauvignon by L'Ecole No. 41 is a gorgeous new effort from this warm vintage. Intense sandalwood aromas with creme de cassis, mocha and shades of blueberry pie all mingle together in the glass. The palate has a great combination of power and elegance as blackberry pie, black tea, exotic spices and shades of dark chocolate all come together in the glass. Fantastic in its youth, this beautiful wine will have at least a decade ahead of it. Drink 2019-2029." – Dr. Owen Bargreen

91 points – Vinous, www.vinous.com,
December 2019

"Bright, saturated ruby-red. Deeper and darker on the nose than the Columbia Valley Cabernet, conveying a medicinal reserve to its aromas of kirsch, menthol, licorice, violet and smoky oak. Then big, sweet and rich on the palate, conveying a captivating savory complexity to its flavors of blackberry, boysenberry, minerals, licorice and spices. Like the Columbia Valley Cabernet, this wine benefits from very firm acidity (6.7 grams per liter). Finishes with building sweetness and serious tannins for a slow evolution in bottle. (this wine was aged in 40% new oak "but the tightest-grained French oak we have," according to Clubb)" – Stephen Tanzer

90 points, Cellar Selection - Wine Enthusiast
www.winemag.com,
October 2019

"Aromas of herb, cherry and blackberry lead to supremely tannic, highly structured fruit flavors. Almost unapproachable now, this wine needs significant time to stretch its legs, but it has the stuffing to go the distance. Best after 2025. Give it at least a 24-hour decant if drinking in the near term." – Sean Sullivan

90 points, Year's Best US Cabernets & Blends - Wine & Spirits,
www.wineandspirits.com,
October 2019

"Cedar and pipe tobacco set you up for classic Walla Walla savor in this red-fruited cabernet, a blend from estate-owned vineyards including Ferguson and Pepper Bridge. It's concentrated and deep in flavor, with a plum-skin grip augmented by powerful oak." – Patrick J. Comiskey

Medals & Competitions

Double Gold – Seattle Wine Awards, 2019

Silver – Sommeliers Choice Awards, 2019

Silver - San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition, 2020

Bronze – Sunset International Wine Competition, 2019