

# L'Ecole

No 41

## 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Walla Walla Valley

### WINEMAKER COMMENT

This wine is a blend of six prestigious vineyard sites representing four unique soil types in the Walla Walla Valley, 50% of which are L'Ecole's Estate vineyards. Its old-world structure, dense dark fruit flavors and elegant tannins exemplify the best of Walla Walla.

### VINEYARDS

This Cabernet Sauvignon reflects the diversity of terroir in the Walla Walla Valley from vineyards planted in:

**Fractured basalt** – Estate Ferguson

**Ice-age flood silts** – Pepper Bridge

**Wind-blown loess** – Estate Seven Hills, Loess & Summit View

**The Rocks** – Stone Valley

### VINTAGE

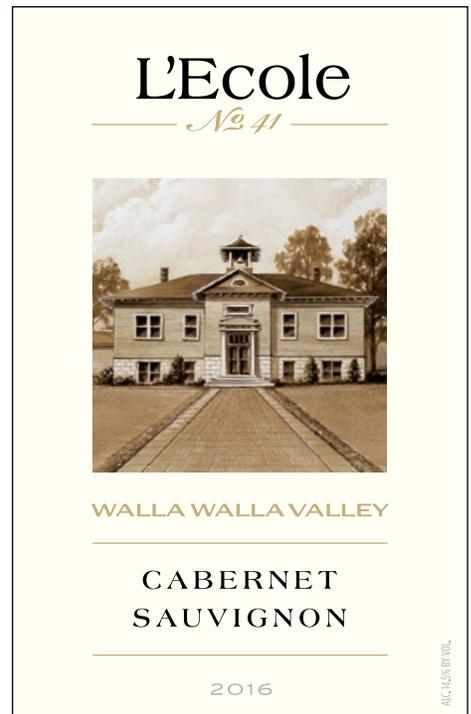
- The 2016 vintage looks like another spectacular and large harvest for Washington State; it started early with a mild winter, hot spring, and early bud break, suggesting another warm year was on the way.
- Moderate June weather was ideal for bloom and fruit set.
- July temperatures were lower than normal, allowing for healthy berry and cluster growth.
- Continued mild weather through August and September stretched the growing season allowing the fruit to ripen gradually and evenly, with lower sugars and higher acidity.
- The longer hang-time produced fantastic balance of flavor and structure in both the white and red varieties.

### 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 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 French oak barrels, 40% new, with five rackings over 22 months.

### TASTING NOTES

*With an elegant, old world structure, this sophisticated Cabernet shows savory herbal aromas, lavender, and cocoa. A robust core of blueberry and plum with notes of black currant and cigar box are framed with polished tannins on a rich, harmonious finish.*



### HARVEST DATA

Harvest Dates	SEPTEMBER 20 – OCTOBER 8, 2016
Average tons/acre	3.0
Average Brix	25.7°
Average pH	3.27
Average Acidity	6.6 g/L

### WINE DATA

Composition	100% CABERNET SAUVIGNON
pH	3.76
Total Acidity	6.7 g/L
Alcohol	14.5%
Bottling Date	JULY 13, 2018
Release Date	SEPTEMBER 2019
Case Production	1,990