L'Ecole
Nº 41
ESTATE WALLA WALLA WINES

THE VINEYARD COLLECTION

2016 Estate Ferguson – Ferguson Vineyard

2016 RATING: **96** JS, **95** JD, **94** W&S, **91** WE CELLAR SELECTION

2015 RATING: **95** JD, **94** JS, **93** WE BEST BUY, **93** V

AVA: Walla Walla Valley

VARIETY: 62% Cabernet Sauvignon, 26% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Franc, 6% Malbec

PRODUCED: 1,320 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.*

2016 Estate Perigee – Seven Hills Vineyard

2016 RATING: **94** JD, **93** JS, **92** WS, **91** WE CELLAR SELECTION, **91** W&S

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

AVA: Walla Walla Valley

VARIETY: 52% Cabernet Sauvignon, 21% Merlot, 11% Cabernet Franc, 9% Petit Verdot, 7% Malbec

PRODUCED: 1,350 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.*

2016 Apogee – Pepper Bridge Vineyard

2016 RATING: **95** JD, **94** W&S, **94** JS, **90** WE CELLAR SELECTION

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

AVA: Walla Walla Valley

VARIETY: 60% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot, 11% Malbec, 4% Cabernet Franc

PRODUCED: 1,320 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.*

2016 Cabernet Sauvignon – Walla Walla Valley

2016 RATING: **94** JD, **93** JS, **90** WE CELLAR SELECTION, **90** W&S

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

AVA: Walla Walla Valley

VARIETY: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

PRODUCED: 1,990 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, Estate Ferguson, Pepper Bridge, Loess, Summit View, Stone Valley

2018 Estate Luminesce – Seven Hills Vineyard

2018 RATING: Not yet reviewed

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

AVA: Walla Walla Valley

VARIETY: 55% Sauvignon Blanc, 45% Semillon

PRODUCED: 1,400 cases

L'Ecole Nº 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.

2016 Estate Merlot – Walla Walla Valley

2016 RATING: **95** JS, **93** JD, **90** W&S

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

AVA: Walla Walla Valley

VARIETY: 76% Merlot, 18% Cabernet Franc, 6% Cabernet Sauvignon

PRODUCED: 1,170 cases

L'Ecole Nº 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

2016 Estate Syrah – Seven Hills Vineyard

2016 RATING: **95** JS, **93** JD, **90** WE, **90** WS

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

AVA: Walla Walla Valley

VARIETY: 100% Syrah

PRODUCED: 1,000 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.

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No 41
HERITAGE WINES FROM SELECT VINEYARDS

2016 Cabernet Sauvignon

2016 RATING: **91** JS, **90** WS, **89** JD

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

AVA: Columbia Valley

VARIETY: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

PRODUCED: 6,600 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: Candy Mountain, Bacchus & Dionysus, Alder Ridge, Summit View, Va Piano, Pepper Bridge, Estate Seven Hills, Stone Tree, Yellow Jacket, Klipsun, Loess, Estate Ferguson

2016 Merlot

2016 RATING: **92** JS, **90** W&S, **90** JD

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

AVA: Columbia Valley

VARIETY: 78% Merlot, 16% Cabernet Franc, 3% Malbec, 3% Petit Verdot

PRODUCED: 4,600 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, Candy Mountain, Pepper Bridge, Bacchus & Dionysus, Weinbau, Klipsun, Estate Ferguson

2017 Syrah

2017 RATING: Not yet reviewed

2016 RATING: **93** JS, **90** W&S, **90** JD, **89** WS

AVA: Columbia Valley

VARIETY: 77% Syrah, 21% Grenache, 2% Mourvédre

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

2017 Frenchtown

2017 RATING: **89** WS

2016 RATING: **92** JS, **91** W&S

AVA: Columbia Valley

VARIETY: **66% BORDEAUX –** 31% Merlot, 28% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Cabernet Franc, 3% Malbec

34% RHONE – 25% Syrah, 9% Grenache

PRODUCED: 4,480 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.

2018 Grenache Rosé – Alder Ridge Vineyard

2018 RATING: **91** JS, **88** WE

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

AVA: Horse Heaven Hills

VARIETY: 100% Grenache

PRODUCED: 1,040 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.

2017 Semillon

2017 RATING: **90** W&S TOP 100 BEST BUY, **90** WE TOP 100 BEST BUY, **90** JS

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

AVA: Columbia Valley

VARIETY: 85% Semillon, 15% Sauvignon Blanc

PRODUCED: 5,350 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: Klipsun, Rosebud, Stillwater Creek, Lodmell, Seven Hills

2018 Chenin Blanc Old Vines

2018 RATING: **93** JS, **90** W&S TOP 100 BEST BUY, **90** WE BEST BUY

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

AVA: Yakima Valley

VARIETY: 100% Chenin Blanc

PRODUCED: 4,060 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, Williard Farms, Phil Church

2018 Chardonnay

2018 RATING: Not yet reviewed

2017 RATING: **90** JS, **89** V, **88** WE

AVA: Columbia Valley

VARIETY: 100% Chardonnay

PRODUCED: 4,530 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, Stillwater Creek

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